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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary



On To Columbus!

● The trek will soon be on to the Christian Endeavor Capital of the World. Several thousand youth are expected in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16 for a time of inspiration, training and planning. Final plans and preparations are being made by the local Columbus committee and by the International Society. Youth are sending in registrations, making housing reservations and working out travel plans. Big days are ahead. Many societies, churches and unions are sending delegates. There is still time for groups to make a profitable "investment" by sending a youth or several to the convention. There's a big welcome for Young America at Columbus.

From Many Denominations

● It is of interest to learn that winners in the states and provinces and the finals of the Fourth Annual Christian Citizenship Contest of Christian Endeavor were from 14 different denominations or brotherhoods. There were more Presbyterians than any other. Eight were from the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and three from the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Seven were members of the Christian Church or Church of Christ brotherhood. Members of the Reformed Church in America numbered five. Other denominations represented by the winners are Methodist, Congregational, United Brethren in Christ, Friends, Evangelical United Brethren, Baptist, General Baptist, Lutheran, Community, and Evangelical Congregational.

Plan Your Work and Work Your Plan

● Extra! The new *Program Guides for Christian Endeavor Societies for 1955-56* are off the press. These Guides are becoming increasingly popular. Leaders in societies and unions are discovering them to be of tremendous help in planning. There are two editions—*Intermediate and Senior-Young People's*. Two experienced Christian Endeavor leaders are the writers this year. Dr. Robert W. Rash authored *The Intermediate Edition*. Dr. Rash, who is the general secretary of Christian Education of the United Brethren in Christ, is chairman of the Program Council of International Society. *The Senior-Young People's Edition* was prepared by Rev. Elwood Dunn, vice-president of International Society in charge of Great Lakes Region.

Prayer Requested for Meetings

● Christian Endeavor leaders are asking that Endeavorers pray for the coming convention at Columbus and for the annual meetings of the Corporation and Board of Trustees of the International Society. Election of a new president, other officers and trustees will take place. All annual, sustaining and life members of International Society are urged to attend the meeting of the Corporation which will be held in the Deshler Hilton Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, July 13, 2 P.M.

Congratulations

● We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Huyser who were married April 7. Mrs. Huyser is president of Michigan Christian Endeavor Union. Before her marriage she was Marilyn Bolks. The couple are making their home at 115 W. Ingham Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Gene Stone

Columbus - July 11-16

4,000 Youth Expected at 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention - Pennsylvania Leads Unions in Registration Campaign

THE "eyes" of the Christian Endeavor world are focusing on Columbus. The Capital City of Ohio will be the scene of the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention July 11-16.

More than 4,000 youth are expected at the meetings.

The Deshler Hilton will be headquarters hotel. Official registration will be at Capital University where there will be exhibits, bookstore and the morning sessions.

Registration Leaders

Pennsylvania Union is out in front in the registration campaign for the convention in Division A. The Keystone Union took first honors for the month of April showing the greatest gain in registrations. Its increase was 35.2 per cent. Ontario was second for the month in that division.

Alabama captures first honors for April in Division B with a gain of 36.6 per cent. North Carolina was second in the division. The registration campaign closes June 20.

Outstanding Program

The program committee headed by Rev. J. Wesley Siebert has prepared an outstanding sessions.

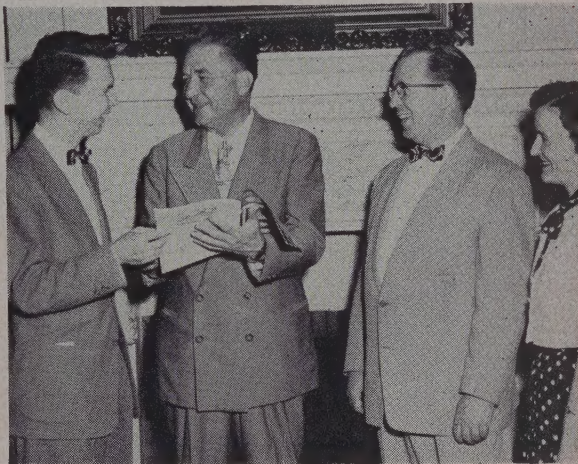
Monday evening the convention will officially open when Dr. Daniel A. Poling, acting president, will give the keynote address in Memorial Hall. Dr. Frank C. Laubach, noted missionary, will speak Tuesday evening. A Fellowship banquet with an historical pageant is scheduled for Wednesday evening. Dr. Raymond I. Lindquist, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, California, will speak Thursday evening. Dr. Charles B. Templeton who was scheduled for the Thursday meeting cannot be present because of a special speaking tour in Europe. Students from Ohio State University, under the direction of Professor Dale V. Gilliland, will sing Friday. At the session Saturday evening Dr. Walter H. Judd will speak.

Every morning at Capital University there will be a quiet hour service, a "school" with 35 classes, and a general assembly period. The Youth Assembly will meet daily. Junior leaders will have classes and a Junior convention is planned for Saturday afternoon. A communion service will be held Saturday morning and a parade Saturday evening.

Plan Fellowship Tour

Many Endeavorers will be on a Fellowship Tour with J. Allen Tucker, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania, as conductor. The party will leave Philadelphia July 10. Following the convention a cruise will be made of the Great Lakes on the S.S. South American. Information may be secured from Harold E. Westerhoff, Travel Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

COVER PICTURE — An aerial view of Columbus' Civic Center and the Scioto River looking west and northwest. The Capitol building and its annex are shown in the center foreground. Standing proudly by the river is the LeVeque-Lincoln Tower. Higher than the Washington Monument and towering 555.5 feet, it makes a beautiful background for the Civic Center. The Departments of State Building is on the left at the river's edge and Central High School opposite on the other bank.



GOVERNOR OF OHIO INTERESTED (above)

—Honorable Frank J. Lausche reads late information about the 43rd International Convention, which he expects to attend and give an address of welcome. With the Governor are (left to right) Robert C. Ross, educational secretary of International Society; Robert S. Hildreth, associate chairman of Columbus committee, and Phyllis I. Rike, secretary of Columbus committee.

PREPARATION AND MORE PREPARATION (below)—A group of Ohio Endeavorers are shown performing one of many tasks in getting ready to royally welcome youth of North America to Columbus.





CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR will honor Dr. Walter H. Judd at the 43rd International Convention in Columbus, Ohio. International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation will be presented to Dr. Judd at the final session Saturday evening, July 16. Dr. Judd is a physician, a former missionary to China, is an outstanding speaker and religious leader, and is now serving his sixth term as a member of the United States Congress from Minnesota. Dr. Judd will be the seventh individual to be given the citation. Those who have received the honor are Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Honorable Herbert H. Hoover, Honorable Harold E. Stassen, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, the late Mrs. Helen Lyon Jones, and Governor Theodore R. McKeldin.

Dr. Walter H. Judd

To Receive

International Youth's

Distinguished Service

Citation

Christian Citizenship

EMPHASIS on Christian Citizenship will be made at the final session of the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, July 16.

The address will be made by Dr. Walter H. Judd, United States Congressman from Minnesota, who is a former missionary to China. The 56-year-old legislator, who is a popular speaker at religious, educational, business and professional gatherings, is an authority on the Far East. This will be the fourth convention of North American Endeavorers which Dr. Judd has addressed.

As a part of the closing program Dr. Judd will be honored when he will be presented with International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation. He will be the seventh recipient of this award.

Honor Citizenship Winners

Honors will be given to the winners of the Fourth Annual Christian Citizenship Contest during the Saturday evening program.

Elda Ann Thornburg of Eudora, Kansas, and Barbara Brobeck of Peoria, Illinois, will read their letters on the subject "I Speak For Christian Citizenship." Elda was the top winner of the contest in Division A for youth under 17 years. Barbara took first honors in Division B for youth 17 through 24 years. Both these winners will come to Columbus as the guests of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Each will also receive an award of \$200.

The presentation of awards to Elda Thornburg and Barbara Brobeck and the other contest winners will be made by Stanley Kresge of Detroit, Michigan. A total of \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Certificates of recognition will also be given to youth.

Youth To Witness By Parade

A mammoth parade will be a feature of the closing day of the convention.

Several thousand youth will be in the procession when there will be floats, bands and marching delegations with colorful regalia.

Honorable Maynard E. Sensenbrenner, Mayor of Columbus, will be grand marshal of the parade which will form near Central High School and start at 6 P.M. Endeavorers will proceed East on Broad Street past the State Capitol and Memorial Hall. Following the march, youth will go to the evening session.

There will be three divisions with one for all groups out of Ohio, a second for groups in Ohio except Columbus, and a third for those from Columbus. Awards will be given for best floats and marching units. In the division for those out of the Buckeye State unions will be in the order that they finish in the registration campaign of International Society.

Rev. C. Herman Bailey, pastor of West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, Columbus, is chairman of the parade committee.

43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention

Columbus, Ohio — July 11-16, 1955

A Program for Youth...

In The Morning...

A.M.—Quiet Hour Service
Dr. Clyde W. Meadows,
Vice-President, International Society
of Christian Endeavor

45-11:30 A.M.—Two periods with 35 different conferences on
Bible study, evangelism, citizenship, program and activity
helps for adult leaders, counselors, young people, high
school youth, and pastors.

45-10:30 A.M.—Youth Assembly

45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.—General Assembly.
Singing and Special Music Features

In The Evening...

Monday—DR. DANIEL A. POLING, president
World's Christian Endeavor Union

Tuesday—DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH
"Apostle to the Illiterates"

Wednesday—Convention Fellowship Banquet

Thursday—DR. RAYMOND I. LINDQUIST, pastor
First Presbyterian Church,
Hollywood, California

Friday—MUSICAL FESTIVAL BY STUDENTS OF OHIO
STATE UNIVERSITY.
Dale V. Gilliland, director

Saturday—DR. WALTER H. JUDD
United States Congressman from Minnesota

In The Afternoon...

12:30-2 P.M.—Denominational, state, missionary, union leaders
and other luncheons.

2-5 P.M.—Recreation, sightseeing, open house at C.E. Head-
quarters, exhibits.

Saturday, 1-6 P.M.—Junior Convention.

Among the Speakers and Leaders...

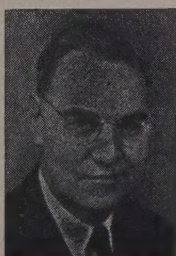
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President
World's C.E. Union
Monday Evening



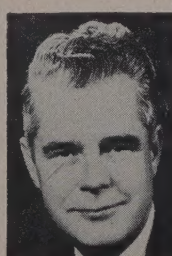
Dr. Frank C. Laubach
"Apostle to the
Illiterates"
Tuesday Evening



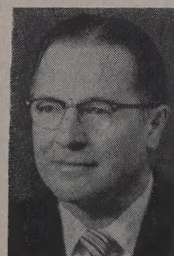
Dr. Clyde W. Meadows
Vice-President
International Society
Quiet Hour Service



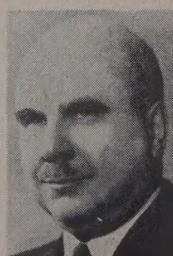
Dr. Raymond I. Lindquist
First Presbyterian
Church
Hollywood, California
Thursday Evening



Dale V. Gilliland
Director, Chorus
Ohio State University
Friday Evening



Dr. J. Gordon Howard
President
Otterbein College
Convention
Chairman





THOUSANDS WORSHIP IN PARK—St. Louis Christian Endeavor Unit held its 27th Easter Sunrise Service in Tower Grove Park with more than 5,000 attending. A high school choir and a Salvation Army Band gave special music. A portion of the worshippers is pictured.

SERVICE IN WICHITA—Part of the audience of 2,000 at the Easter Sunrise Service conducted by the South Central Christian Endeavor District of Kansas is shown. Two radio stations broadcast the music and the message.



Christian Endeavorers In Action

TOPIC-MAKERS (below)—Members of the Topics Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor met recently in Columbus, Ohio, to select subjects to be used by Intermediate and Senior-Young People's groups in 1957. This unit is a part of the Program Council. Pictured are: First Row (left to right) Mrs. Alice Griffin, Ann Fulton, Rev. James K. Rapp, chairman; Rev. Ivan Frick, Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, and Bert H. Davis. Second Row (left to right) Rev. Robert C. Ross, Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, and Rev. Jerry A. Moore.

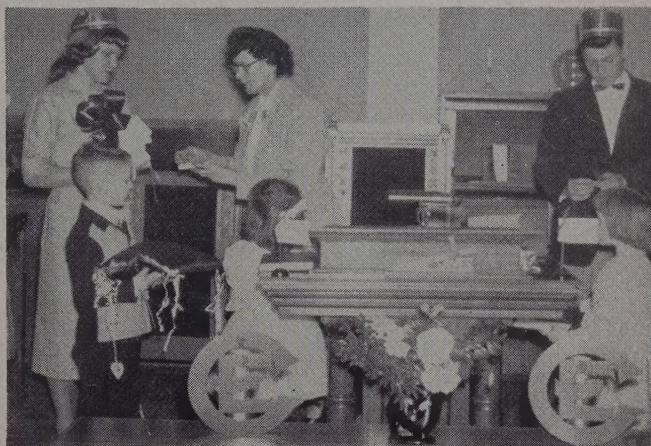


INTERNATIONAL LEADERS CONVENE (below)—Members of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and guests shown at a recent meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are: First row (left to right) Norman Klauder, Frances Becker, Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, N. Ernest R. Bryan, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Elizabeth Wells, and N. Daniel A. Poling. Second row (left to right)—Mildred Moran, Rev. Earle W. Gates, Ralph E. May, Robert C. Ross, Charles O. Heyward, Julian Moran, Harold E. Westerhoff, B. McClure Cochran, and Dr. Frederick L. Mintel.





LEADERS IN SUNFLOWER STATE (above)—Officers at a recent banquet of Kansas Christian Endeavor Union in Wichita are: First row (left to right)—Rev. Charles E. Hadley, associate president; Mrs. Charles E. Hadley, finance chairman; Pat Rowland, president of South Central District; Patsy Stuke, secretary of South Central District, and Rev. Dick Powell, treasurer, South-Central District. Second row (left to right)—Rev. Bill Rathbun, regional vice-president; J. B. Shelton, extension superintendent; Maxine Bond, past president; Rev. George Stoneback, pastor of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, and Rev. Allen Bowman, president.



NEW JERSEY YOUTH IN TRAINING (below)—Edward Napier leads a class on "Music and Recreation" at the first Training Conference and Retreat of the New Jersey Youth Assembly held at Island Heights Presbyterian Camp on Barnegat Bay. Ninety-five Endeavorers attended the sessions. Alick Kennedy, president, was in charge.

KING AND QUEEN (above)—Leading Christian Endeavorers in the United Brethren Church, Caledonia, Michigan, are honored at special service. Mrs. Alice Griffin, pastor, gave award to the "Queen," Lorraine Timmers. The "King," Dick Smith, is at right. "Attendants" (left to right) are Stanley Carpenter, Barbara Good, and Peggy Dole.





Photo courtesy THE LOOKOUT

OUTSTANDING SPONSOR GOES TO COLUMBUS—Mrs. Leroy B. Mills of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will attend the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus as the guest of "The Lookout." She is the winner of the contest conducted by the magazine and is the sponsor of Christian Endeavor in Christ's Church. Mrs. Mills, who is the wife of the minister, reads the telegram telling of the honors that came to her. In the picture are: front row (left to right) Bob Stewart, president of Christ's Church Crusaders; Mrs. Mills; Orleen Miller, secretary of Christ's Church Crusaders and life-work recruit. Second row (left to right) Bryan Dunnivan, vice-president of Christian Endeavor society; Lois Lemmel, life-work recruit; Jack Stewart, former president of Christian Endeavor society; and George A. Hankins, life-work recruit.

COLUMBUS COMMITTEE READY FOR DELEGATES

Columbus, Ohio, is ready to be host to the thousands of youth of North America who will attend the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention July 11-16.

Dr. J. Gordon Howard, president of Otterbein College, is general chairman of the local committee. A score of sub-committees are active getting things ready in order that delegates may be comfortable and have a pleasant stay in the Buckeye Capital.

At headquarters hotel, the Deshler Hilton, there will be special rates for Endeavorers. These are as follows: large capacity room for 3 to 6 persons, \$3.00 per person a night; twin bed room, \$5.50 per person; double bed room, \$4.50 per person, and single room, \$6.00.

The dormitories of Capital University will house teenagers. This lodging will be \$1 a night or \$5 for all six nights of the convention. Lodging in homes will be provided at \$1 a night.

A plan has been made for the securing of meals at the cafeteria of Capital University. By purchasing a ticket for 15 meals at the University and the ticket for the fellowship banquet this can all be obtained for \$13.00. For additional information write to Columbus Convention Committee, Christian Endeavor, Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio.

Plan to attend the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16 and then join the Fellowship Tour of the Great Lakes.



TRIBUTE PAID TO LIFE OF DR. BRYAN—Members of the Washington Pilgrimage heard a message on the life of the late President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, given by Dr. Gene Stone (left), general secretary of the International Society, at ceremonies on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial in the District of Columbia, April 29. Dr. Bryan had been one of the active leaders of the annual Washington Pilgrimage since its founding in 1951. Dr. Harold M. Dudley, a member of the Executive Committee of International Society, and his wife Ruth, are the executive directors of the Pilgrimage. Shown on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial are (left to right) Dr. Stone, Dr. Edward Pruden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; Senator Frank Carlson, Kansas, and General Willard Paul of the Executive Offices of the President of the United States.

C. E. CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

JUNE

- 2-4—Kentucky, Clay
- 7-10—West Virginia, Wheeling
- 10-12—Iowa, Pella
- 16-19—Michigan, Grand Rapids
- 16-19—Texas, Houston
- 17-19—Wisconsin, Markesan
- 20-26—Minnesota, Medicine Lake
- 23-26—California, Pasadena
- 25-July 2—Massachusetts, Northfield

JULY

- 11-16—43rd International Convention, Columbus, Ohio
- 14—Ohio, Columbus
- 30-August 6—Ontario, Cresley Lake Camp (Summer Conference)

AUGUST

- 18-21—Pennsylvania, Carlisle (Summer Assembly)
- 29-September 2—Virginia, Massanetta Springs

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Announcement has been made of the annual meetings of the International Society of Christian Endeavor to be held at the Deshler Hilton Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, July 12 at 2 P.M. and will continue their meeting in the afternoon of July 13. The Corporation of International Society will convene Wednesday, July 13 at 2 P.M.

Guide For Christian Living

Copies of the book *Guide For Christian Living* are available without charge to members now in military service or able to enter. These may be obtained by writing to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

An Adventure In Christian Citizenship



Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard, who have been on Christian Endeavor Friendship Campaigns, are now in Honolulu, Hawaii, where they are helping to combat juvenile delinquency by conducting a weekly class in Bible study and citizenship for Chief of Police Liu. In picture (left to right) are Athletic Coach Lancaster, Rev. Penn Howard, Mrs. Penn Howard, and Police Officer Len Schweitzerhoff. The flag was presented by the VFW for the club. The Howards live in Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Howard told of some of her World Friendship adventures at the convention of the World's C.E. Union in Washington, D. C. last summer.

For A Grand Vacation

Join - -

The Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour

and

Attend - -

The 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention

Columbus, Ohio — July 11-16

FIFTEEN WONDERFUL DAYS — Leave Philadelphia July 10 — enjoy the convention in Columbus — travel to Cleveland — cruise the Great Lakes visiting Detroit, Mackinac, Houghton, Duluth and Buffalo — see Niagara Falls — then back to Philadelphia July 24.

The total cost of tour is \$320. This includes all expenses except meals in Columbus. Rates from other locations on request.

----- **SEND YOUR RESERVATION TODAY** -----

Harold E. Westerhoff, Manager, Travel Dept.
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

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- ☐ Please reserve a place for me in International Christian Endeavor's Fellowship Tour. I enclose \$50 and will pay balance as scheduled. I also enclose \$3 to cover my registration for the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention.
- ☐ Please quote rates on joining the tour at

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How To Win For Christ

TWO THIRDS of the world is always hungry, and one-third stuffed!

"A secular program will not meet the needs of the world's billion who are hungry, sick, homeless, illiterate, ignorant, fearful and powerless in outlook toward living.

"Only an aggressive program of demonstrated ability to meet man's needs with freedom, justice and decency will force the Communists to modify their policies."

So speaks Dr William E. Braisted, who served as a medical missionary in China and has been a prisoner of the Communists.

"Christian churches have the basic strategy and the skeleton staff to face up to this situation," he continues, "but they are piddling at the job.

"As matters stand today, mankind is losing the battle with human needs."

Dare We Retreat?

A Young Adult layman heard this message at a great meeting of Christian men.

But soon after he returned to his home church, he learned that the church officers were cutting by 12 per cent the amount to be sought from members' pledges and other contributions for worldwide missions.

The home church needs to spend more money than ever for repairs and fuel, for salaries and maintenance. Costs have advanced greatly in the past few years. A small deficit was incurred last year.

"Two-thirds hungry!" . . . physically hungry, spiritually unfed.

Well, don't be too tough in criticism of those church officers. They have been told often by well-meaning members, "The overseas missions fields are being wiped out." They've been told that generous provision for preaching and practicing the Gospel around the world is no longer the best and wisest use of the tithes and offerings of the home church.

"We have a big job to do here," the church officers are frequently advised. "Asia and Africa and Latin America are not reachable in times like these. We no longer should feel the same responsibility for these people beyond our own borders."

The Command Is Still "Go"

Fortunately not all churches and church boards and individual givers have resigned their responsibility. By no means has the rank and file of loyal Christians decided that Christ has withdrawn from our generation the command to "Go . . . preach . . . heal . . . baptize."

The glorious fact is that countless readers of this page and other Christian folk believe that Christ has a plan for Russia, for China, for all lands and peoples including our own, in which He is not today received as the Saviour of mankind.

Some of us will choose to act, to give, to pray according to the glad and glorious faith that Christ is Saviour, that Christ has not

abandoned His world, that Christ still leads and loves and guides and blesses His Church.

"A secular program will not meet the needs." Dr. Braisted is right! Governments however rich and powerful cannot send enough, spend enough, negotiate enough, plan enough to erase human misery and change want into plenty.

If governments cannot turn the tides, the other secular agencies are equally powerless. Science, education, good will agencies, international fellowships have no magic that will pierce Iron Curtain, Bamboo Curtain, or the sheer inertia of groups overseas that do not understand or believe in what might be called secular unselfishness or ethical causes.

Church Has Spiritual Mission

But the Christian Church, serving under God, is something quite different. The missionary at his best—in his nearest approach to being a Man of Christ—is not an American trying to do something helpful to a person or a village in India or Korea, in Rhodesia or Ecuador. He is one child of God seeking to bring another soul closer to, in tune with, the Source of life and of salvation. He will make some mistakes, he will encounter some hypocrites, but the Cause for which he speaks and teaches and heals is so much greater than its minister as to remind us that simple fishermen after Pentecost founded the Church and changed the history of the world.

God has not given up. Christ is today as ever man's Saviour. The Holy Spirit still goes with His own.

If our missions' forces should fail to win souls and change history, in the train of Peter and Mark and the rest, *the fault is with us of the home churches.*

Christ has a plan for Russia and China and the other lands which, on the surface, have rejected Him and everything that might be called Christlike.

But that plan includes us. "Go thou and preach the Kingdom of God."

Suggestions for topics for the meetings of your Young Adult group may be found in the new publication, "With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor." There are ideas for discussion for an entire year with annotations. This book also tells how to organize a unit, gives thoughts on procedures, programs and projects. Authors are Phyllis G. Brown and Bert H. Davis. Price — \$.75 per copy. Send to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP



BERT H. DAVIS
Editor of Workshop

Hot-Weather Suggestions

MISSIONS emphasis in summertime? Evangelism as a midyear project? *Why and how shall these things be?*

To do more to promote and expand Christian missions, we need to read and study much more than most of us have taken time for in recent months. Now, summer reading doesn't need to be "light" reading. It would be a fine and suitable use of a Sunday evening or spare hours in your vacation to get better acquainted with missions study books, new and old. (Ask your pastor for suggestions. Officers of missionary societies and committees could also assist, particularly by lending mission books and pamphlets for summertime reading.)

Missions, exchange students from foreign countries, and returning travelers may also be available for conversations, consultation and informal group programs in the summer season.

A summer picnic for Young Adults could be planned around the idea of games, songs and foods associated with one or several of the overseas peoples.

Evangelism too should be in a Young Adults group's summertime plans. The social events of the season, including some held "outside the church," will attract visitors you didn't meet last winter. Visitors will be passing through or sojourning in your community. One-time residents will be back for vacation.

So these circumstances to show others how much your Saviour means to you and your group . . . how blessed is worship under the trees or around the campfire . . . how different from other fellowships is that of the Christian young people and Young Adults. In praying and meditation, try to find the right words to convey to several persons, during the summer months, that which may be the most important message they'll receive in 1955—"Come closer to Christ, join in worship and service with Christ's people, place your life in His hands, accept your Saviour!"

"Christ has a plan for Russia, for China, and for you and me"

Grow Your Leaders

by Amy Deck Faust

These days you can learn to build a house yourself, if you'll take the time and the kit of tools to do it. If you have a good job at something else, and are a poor hand at tools, it will pay you to put in over-time at the shop and hire someone else to build your house. However, many things are in the "do it yourself class." Communication is in such a class.

It is possible for those with a story to tell to hire someone with professional public relations skills to come in and do a "selling job." It is also possible for experts in many areas to be of help. However, much of the best communication is done by those who know the work best. Tell your own story. But make sure that you do it with skill and the right technique. How can this be done? By "growing" your own public relations experts.

Just as a garden is dependent upon soil, seed, hot beds, transplanting, climate, pruning, spraying, and other forms of horticultural care, so are the leaders. Leaders should be able to communicate, but they may not be able to do it the moment they are transplanted into their work. There needs to be a growing process. Sometimes it takes pruning and often a training. Certain plants must be forced and others held back. It is the wise leader who recognizes his own needs in these areas and helps others in the growing process.

Seed Bed For Leadership

Let's begin with the seed bed. The youth group of the church should be a natural seed bed for future leadership. We expect the church of the future, to a large measure, to be the results of the crop planted today. It is important that each church have a good seed bed for youth leadership.

Let's be perfectly frank about the seed bed in most churches. Too often it is run on antiquated methods. Grandmother's garden methods may have been good for her day, but the modern ways of enriching the soil, cultivating, pruning, spraying, and caring for plants have surely increased the growing season and the varieties. While grandmother's garden was largely restricted to a few "standby flowers and vegetables," new methods have brought in new varieties and extended the growing season considerably.

The same is true in the field of audio-visuals. There was a time when a blackboard, a map, or a book or two was great! That was when the trip away from home was a novelty, no matter how unentertaining the fare upon arrival. As a result there was no competition. But things have changed. The seed bed of today must have more enrichment in it than ever before. There must be planning, a study of new varieties, and a wise use of the blessings which have now come to our hands.

Too few of our churches have really attractive, functional rooms for the use of the young people. In times past, the church did not need to advertise, so few were trained to do it. There were not many places to go, so the

church could be closed six days and still serve helpfully on the seventh. Homes and places of amusement were not competitive. As a result, the church did not need attractive youth rooms.

Need For Training In Skills

Now things have changed. The youth rooms should be attractive, colorful, and well equipped. There should be a place to use audio-visuals, projected and non-projected. Some folks must be trained as projectionists. Others must be trained in skills as leaders. All those viewing must be shown how to use, not merely see, or hear, these aids.

The best way to have trained leaders in these areas is to grow your own. How? Plant a seed in the society in the form of a training scholarship to a workshop, conference, or summer assembly. Send several of your best young people with instructions to learn some facts about audio-visual devices. The actual operation of the individual machine can be



learned with the salesman and equipment, but the training of the leader in the field is a prime requisite.

There will often need to be a period of transplanting. People are not all equally gifted in every field. Some should be placed in one bed and some another. Some need forcing and others to be pruned. All need the spraying of directed prayer and work. But it is a fact that you can grow your own leaders. They will be more hardy than the imported variety. The summer is the best time to do such planting and training. Make your society a seed bed.

The growing period in plants is considerably extended from grandma's day. It is that way in people too. Your society can use a wide range of age levels in audio-visual work. Don't just stick to one variety. Grow all kinds. Grow your own. Now!

Virginia Conducts Contest

Virginia Christian Endeavor Union is conducting a Quiet Hour Essay Contest. Mrs. L. S. McDowell of Roanoke, Quiet Hour superintendent, is receiving the entries which are on the subject, "My Quiet Hour." Contestants are in three age groups. Winning essays are to be read at the state convention at Massanetta Springs, August 29-September 2.

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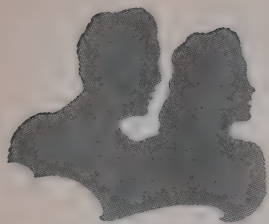


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Our Nation and Latin Neighbors

No. 2 in a Series:

"Broadening Our Neighborliness"

Psalm 86:9, 10; Acts 16:6-10

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— JULY 3 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

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- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

During this series of topics we are attempting to "broaden our neighborliness." Last week a study was made of *The United States and Canada: Neighbors*. This week we will discuss together the neighborliness between our own nation and those of Latin America. It will be most helpful if the leader of the topic or the devotional chairman will have advance correspondence with missionary boards to equip the society with information about the diversified countries of Latin America. Missionary study books can be read to help in this field. Maps about the room will aid the atmosphere.

As a result of this meeting do not attempt to only *inform* the group of the needs of Latin America and what some others are doing to meet these needs, but challenge your *own group* to Christian action. Don't just study your neighbors—but *be* neighbors.

Latin America

There are 20 republics that make up the area of Latin America. Of these, 18 of them use Spanish as their basic language. In Brazil, Portuguese is spoken; and in Haiti, French. This three-fold language, in which each strand is a modern version of the speech of old Rome, is chiefly responsible for the use of the term "Latin." Besides these 20 republics, the island of Puerto Rico is also a part of this other America. Spanish and Portuguese languages can be understood by speakers of the opposite tongue.

Latin America can boast some of the "greatest" in its land possessions. It possesses peaks with greater altitudes than Pike's Peak and cataracts greater than those in Niagara Falls. The Amazon is the world's greatest stream, pouring four times the volume of water into the ocean than the Mississippi does. There are species of birds, insects, fish, medicinal herbs, poisons and food-plants in Latin America that are unheard of elsewhere. Latin America pos-

sesses physical uniqueness to an unusual degree. There is no race discrimination there. No newspapers anywhere else publish such a perfect picture of world happenings as in Buenos Aires.

In general the Latin American people think in terms of "people." Their friendship and interest in others is strong. They look at prisoners as those who will make a change in their lives, not forever "wrong-doers."

Latin American Needs

Literacy in some Latin American countries drops as low as 15 per cent. One of the causes is the distance in a sparsely populated country. There is also the traditional neglect of rural areas by government, the expenditure of money on less worthy objects than education, the starvation salaries paid to rural teachers, and the lack of a missionary spirit among large numbers of teachers who prefer the urban districts. Superstitions flourish where the light of elementary education is lacking.

The country of Chile offers perhaps the most favorable soil for Communism of any country in Latin America, though all of them are fertile places for it. Poor pay is mostly responsible.

There is a great need for sex education. Immorality is commonly accepted and not thought of as sinful or improper. Doctors advertise brazenly in the local press and on signboards of specializing in social diseases, etc. The religious leaders there have never taken a decided stand against sexual immorality; and have condoned it too easily. Divorce is not a problem, because unfaithfulness is expected.

The president of an Argentine University says "We are the most irreligious people in the world." Thoughtful students attribute this religious indifference to the failure of the Roman Catholic Church to justify religion intellectually and ethically in the minds of serious people. What is faith in Europe has turned to be superstition in South America.

In Latin America there has been lacking a sense of the actual, because there has been a shrinking from the eternal. The people have lived either digging up ruins or delving into their destiny. They need an upward gaze into the ever-present reality of God, in which light they will be able to see light.

What Are We Now Doing?

While the Revolutionary War was still raging, James Thomson, a Scotsman, introduced the Bible into Argentina. It was then used as a means to education until the Roman Catholic hierarchy assumed the responsibility of forbidding the publication and circulation of the Holy Scriptures in Latin America. In 1916 on the Isthmus of Panama, a special congress of missionaries was convened. The field in Latin America was surveyed, the existing work coordinated, and special responsibilities were accepted by different missionary organizations.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To point out the needs of our Latin American neighbors, and how they are and are not being met.
2. To challenge young people to help meet these needs as Christians and as neighbors.

GIVING THOUGHT TO LATIN AMERICA

1. What countries make up Latin America?
2. What are some of these neighbor's needs?
3. Is our country helping them? How?
4. What are some further ways we can help?
5. What is our responsibility to them as a Christian nation?
6. What can you as an individual do?
7. Have you been inspired by this topic to do something for these neighbors yourself? If so, what?

In recent years wide distribution has been made of Biblical portions. This was largely the work of an Italian movement, known as *Cardina Ferrari*. In the early 1900's, churches were allowed to be built. Today large beautiful churches exist. Education has increased. Leading officials in Latin America have been educated by the movement which began with introducing the Bible to that other America. Schools have been erected and have made a positive contribution to the cause of general culture. At the same time the schools have been standing for and exemplifying new ideals of character.

For some years branches of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association have carried on work in some of the larger centers of Latin America. They were pioneers in teaching the meaning and necessity of healthy physical recreation. They arranged for cultural events, provided social centers, and organized classes on different subjects. Both associations have rendered the service of inspiring their membership and whole communities to launch forth on diverse schemes of social welfare—the care of delinquent boys, the shepherding of street waifs, an attack on the sexual and alcoholic problems, an interest in lonely immigrants lately arrived in a country. One of the greatest contributions has been that of sending out Christian lecturers into theaters, public halls, and university auditoriums. Some Christian doctors, after faithful practice here, have chosen to interpret Christ through medicine in Latin America. In addition to all this there is the industrial and farm work to be found in rural communities. They are taught the best methods of doing the work and how to produce the largest crops.

Latin Americans have absorbed educational ideas in the United States that have helped their own government. In recent years it has been possible for many able young Latin Ameri-

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Daily Bible Readings

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| M., June 27. | Who Shall Worship? | Psalm 66:4 |
| T., June 28. | Universal Praise. | Psalm 67:3-6 |
| W., June 29. | Seeing One's Self. | Isaiah 6:5-8 |
| T., June 30. | Being of One Mind. | I Peter 2:8, 9 |
| F., July 1. | The Healing of Nations. | Rev. 22:1-4 |
| S., July 2. | Judgment And Suffering. | I Peter 4:16-19 |
| Sun., July 3. | Topic—Our Nation and Latin Neighbors. | Psalm 86:9, 10; Acts 16:6-10 |

A SEED THOUGHT

"The hope of the world is in our Pan-American relationships."

OUR AIMS

1. To sense what good citizenship involves.
2. To prepare for Christian leadership in our communities.
3. To appreciate that what we are doing today is history tomorrow.

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

The Christian Shows His Patriotism

Many societies will discuss this topic on July 4. It is timely to think of the role the Christian must play in his relationship to his country. In the presentation of this topic be careful to arrive at a clear meaning of the term "patriotism." The dictionary gives this definition: "Ardent or zealous devotion to one's country." Find other definitions and gather as many as possible from the group. Examine each definition and decide which ones make it possible for a Christian to be patriotic and those which do not. Then come to a common understanding as to what is meant by Christian patriotism. Then you can present the topic along the following lines:

I. *A Christian Knows Something of His Country's History.* We can hardly imagine anyone thinking himself patriotic who knows little or nothing about the development and foundations of his own land, and yet there must be many such if we are to judge by the so-called patriotic utterances of speakers on national holidays, Legion conventions, etc. The Christian must be informed if he is to be Christian about his own patriotism.

II. *A Christian Must Be Critical.* In our discussion today, we should keep in mind that it is possible for the most patriotic person to be in disagreement with things as they are. So Christian patriotism is the opposite of blind patriotism as expressed in "My country, right or wrong." When one's country is wrong it is Christian for a person to help eliminate the wrong. He is also ready to uphold the right and foster it.

III. *A Christian Shows Love for His Country.* Someone has said that a friend is one who knows all about you and still loves you. Love for one's country is no less than that. Now love here implies concern. You have never seen a normal friendship where one party in the friendship was enjoying himself at the expense of the other. An informed Christian patriot expresses his patriotism by being ready to give as well as take. What do we mean by showing love for our country?

"Country" involves people, our neighbors next door, people in our immediate community and larger areas which go to make up the nation. All of this expresses itself in action such as voting, social work through the church, providing recreational facilities in the community, and many other enterprises. A Christian, of course, always takes a religious attitude

Scripture Portions

- M., June 27. A Song of Blessing. Psalm 103:1.
 T., June 28. A Plea To Israel. Jeremiah 4:1, 2.
 W., June 29. Men Delivered By God. Acts 5:17-25.
 T., June 30. "My Lord And My God." John 20:26-29.
 F., July 1. A Successful Church. Acts 2:11-47.
 S., July 2. No Other Name. Acts 4:12.
 Sun., July 3. Topic—We're Making History. II Chron. 7:14; Psalm 33:12; Prov. 14:31-35.

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toward his country. He knows that no nation can prosper unless God prospers it. So he enlists himself in an army which does not kill or destroy, but rather gives life and builds up the lives of the people of his native land. A Christian patriot prays for his country and then goes about to answer his own prayer in action.

Democracy a Great Idea

In the book "U.S.A. Permanent Revolution, Fortune editors call our American democracy "The Great Proposition." James Truslow Adams calls it "The American Dream." Most of us call it "the American way of life."

All these terms endeavor to say that there lives in every citizen of a democracy something bigger than can be expressed in words. At the center of the life of the United States and Canada is a great proposition, or idea, or cluster of ideas, around which the hopes and dreams and institutions of the nation are organized.

Here is an experiment which never before has been attempted. Here is something the autocrats of the Old World or the Communists of another half of the world can't quite understand. "The Great Proposition" is democracy.

This great proposition can be understood only against a background of Christianity. God made man in His own image. All men are created equal. God made man to be free. God made man to be brotherly. These biggest concepts in the mind of man brought forth on this continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the great proposition of giving every man freedom.

This proposition was devised by brave men and women. The dream is still good. Only brave men, daring men, Christian men, can keep the dream possessing the millions today.

Lose Life to Find It

Dr. Stephen A. Cory tells of the Chinese coolie who bought his first postage stamp. He asked what to do with it and Dr. Cory told him to place it on the right-hand corner of the envelope. Then the two walked downtown and Dr. Cory pointed out a mailbox in which to place the letter. The coolie ran across the street but Dr. Cory noted he clutched one end of the envelope. Impatient, Dr. Cory urged the Chinese to drop it in. But still the young man held the one end of the envelope, just at the stamp. Finally Dr. Cory went over to him to insist that he drop the letter. When pressed to drop it, the Chinese said, "But I'll lose my stamp."

There are some things we must lose to secure larger goals. Unless we lose our lives completely to Christ, we can never know the depths of his love, the lift of His Presence, the out-reaches of the horizons He makes possible.

Problems to Consider

1. The radio announcer concluded, "Let's do this the American way."

"What does he mean by 'the American way'?" asked Marie.

"I think it means going at a job and really getting it done," said Inez.

"It means doing a job together, everyone having a part," said Florence.

"It means working together without distinction because of race or nationality," said John.

That there is an American way is certain. The success of our Red Cross drives, the manner in which we all work together, the way in which we accept people of other nationalities and races as being equal with us, and working hand in hand with them, these are all part of "the American way," and unique to America. Draw up a definition of this term, "the American way."

2. Frances had made an extensive tour of the United States. "It seems strange that there are so many Japanese gardeners in southern California," she said, "so many Scandinavians in Alaska, and Italians in the cities."

"People of each nationality have gathered in the places where they can best earn their living, but also where they can make the greatest contribution," replied her father.

What do you know of the contributions which the following groups have made to our national life: the Negro, the Irish, the Jews, the Poles, the Germans? What groups have contributed to our industrial work? Which ones to our professional advancement? Which to our agriculture?

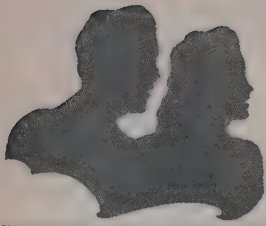
3. Suppose that each racial group in a city such as New York or Chicago felt that it must be acknowledged as the superior of every other group. What would be the results? How would it make trouble? How would it hinder any group in making its proper contribution to the city? What happens when each group acknowledges the contribution of other groups and willingly contributes whatever it can, knowing that it will be received in the same manner?

Poem

THE FOURTH OF JULY
by Crystal Shoemaker

'Tis the fourth of July
 And in the sky
 The fireworks brightly flare:
 While all around
 The smoke and sound
 Of explosives fill the air.
 Flags are displayed;
 And the bands parade.
 All the orations are grand;
 And our hearts are thrilled,
 And with gratitude filled
 For the freedom of our dear land.
 And we vow anew
 With God's help to do
 Our patriotic best
 To keep it free
 As long as we
 Have life within our breast.

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"My Country Is The World"

No. 3 in a Series:

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Psalm 22:27, 28; Isaiah 52:7-10; John 13:34

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— JULY 10 —

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This topic is the third and last in a series on *Broadening Our Neighborliness*. In the first topic it was pointed out that Canada and the United States are examples of good neighbors. Last week it was shown that Latin America needs more help and friendliness shown them. In this week's topic *My Country Is The World*, Christ's teachings are emphasized. It is the privilege and duty of the leader to point out that we have many "neighbors," those on the same street or in the same community with us; those in nearby countries, and also those "everywhere." God has created all and expects us to treat each other as we would have ourselves treated, no matter where He has happened to place us in His wide world.

Flags, costumes, pictures, and other reminders of various parts of the world, with Christ over all, would make an explanatory worship center, or room decoration.

Our Help Wanted

The advances of science and the development of industrialism now affect all peoples and make every nation dependent upon every other nation. No nation today lives to itself. Canada and the United States are perhaps the least dependent of any, but even they could not exist alone. So imagine how great is the need of others. Modern inventions have made our present world "one world" rather than several widely separated, isolated ones.

A world which has become "one world" requires a universal religion. Races and nations bound together in a new unity require common moral, social, and spiritual ideals, and a common faith. The religion of Jesus is universal. He alone can be the universal personal rallying center of mankind. All races and nations must make up one mankind—there are to be no inferior races, no superior races. All are the children of one Heavenly Father. Other nationalities need to be treated in ways that express appreciation and create good will. The need for "brotherhood" is felt by all. Co-opera-

tion for the common good of all is a universal rule of action. Each nation in the pursuit of its own ends takes measures which benefit itself at the expense of its neighbors. This does not lead to good economic relationships.

In every country of the world, education is a growing concern of governments. Better human relationships are demanded, which shall ignore superficial differences of color, birth, and social status. Nation-wide planning of production is necessary, making possible the abundant life for all.

The pronounced need is that of religion.

Help Given As Christians

Jesus forever calls men to a life of service. He lived among men as a servant and calls men to join with Him in the service of man. Our attitude toward all our fellowmen must be one of reverence, kindness, and love. We must have a relationship of good will and service. Our love for God can only be shown by our ministering to the needs of others. Many Christians have either gone to the foreign field to teach and influence as God leads them, or have sent sums of money to help others do the work necessary there.

There are multitudes of services that we can render in behalf of the bodies and minds of people across the world. The greatest service is that which serves the soul. To bring Jesus Christ and His ethic to all the world is our greatest task. The Great Commission makes all the world our parish.

Heroes Who Answered The Call

Albert Schweitzer, a great musician, heard the call to Africa. He buried himself in the jungles, administering aid and in the sight of the natives "performing miracles" of healing.

George Washington Goethals accepted the challenge of the impossible—to construct the Panama Canal. With the help of workers of many foreign tongues, doctors, nurses, patient wives, and numerous others the canal was finally completed, and thrown open to the ships of the world.

Alexander Graham Bell, a sick man, gave his best for others as he helped the deaf to hear by his inventions. He invented the telephone which was rapidly put into use in other lands.

George Washington Carver, famed Negro scientist, improved the diets, sanitation, and habits of countless people. Better homes were built, schools, churches and libraries erected, all to be credited to a modest, patient, hard-working man who wanted to be of help.

Sir George Williams, founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, improved living and health conditions of young men. Such a movement can be found in many foreign countries.

Dr. Francis E. Clark, "St. Francis of Youth," the founder of the world-wide Christian En-

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To point out that our help and understanding is needed in the countries beyond our borders.
2. To show what the Christian attitude of our country should be.
3. To name world heroes whose accomplishments have been helpful to all.

FOR THOUGHT

1. What do other countries need that our country possesses?
2. What does our country need from others?
3. Should countries share their unique gifts? Why or why not?
4. How could countries be more Christian than they are?
5. How can we as individuals better understand the needs of others?
6. How can our nation show that it wants friends?
7. How can we show that we do not regard ourselves as a superior people?
8. Who are some world heroes because of their help to all mankind?
9. What can our society do to help nations beyond our borders?
10. How can you change YOUR attitude to be more helpful and Christ-like to ALL people?

deavor movement, has thus brought immeasurable blessings to all the world. More than 2 million persons have been Endeavorers, and many still bear its fruits in all parts of the world.

Clara Barton, Susan B. Anthony, Sir Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lord Bader Powell, Juliet Low, and countless others have made lasting contribution to the world's life. Name several others.

Your Challenge

"My country is the world." You cannot relate yourself only to the home in which you live, the street on which your home is, the neighborhood where you reside, the state that surrounds you, or even the country to which you have allegiance. Modern inventions have made those in "foreign lands" very near to in time. Anyone in need is our neighbor. Of the most striking teachings of Jesus is "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40.) Christ not only taught that we should serve others—He practiced it.

Another's skin coloring, language, financial income, intelligence, etc., must not divide us. All have been created by the same God. Our souls rest in one Saviour. It is the duty of each to do all he can to aid another, and improve him if possible; not to ignore or hate him.

For Your Quiet Hour

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| M., July | 4. | Meek Inherit The Earth. | Psalm 37:1 |
| T., July | 5. | Commissioned To Go. | Matt. 10:1-1 |
| W., July | 6. | Sending The Seventy. | Luke 10:1-1 |
| T., July | 7. | Power Bestowed. | Luke 10:1 |
| F., July | 8. | Paul Goes To Europe. | Acts 16:9-1 |
| S., July | 9. | Paul Preaches In Rome. | Acts 28:16-3 |
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A SEED THOUGHT
"There must be one world or no world."

OUR AIMS

1. To consider the values in personal and political freedom.
2. To see how "Christ frees."
3. To stress the needs for keeping our land free with truth, honesty and love for all.

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Look At Our Land

A missionary who recently returned to America for furlough states that when he is in Africa he has a tendency to idealize his home land. But when he comes home, he finds many conditions which are far from ideal. All of us as young people love our country, and we stir with pride when we think of what our country means to us. Ours is a land blessed with natural resources which the application of science has used to produce a high standard of living. But we know that when we face all the facts that many things in our country are not ideal.

Some Areas of Freedom

With the Fourth of July just over our thoughts have turned to liberty and freedom-loving peoples. We have heard of the "Freedom Train" and the "Freedom Ship"; more recently has come news on the "Freedom Bell" in replica of our famous "Liberty Bell." In his message to Congress, January 1941, Franklin Roosevelt set forth the "four freedoms" which, it was hoped, would be experienced in all the world:

1. Freedom of speech and expression.
2. Freedom of every person to worship God in his own way.
3. Freedom from want.
4. Freedom from fear.

It is obvious that the world has been thinking in terms of freedom. How much have we attained?

Democracy Incorporated

We are democracy. Democracy is all of us—incorporated, for our government is a people's government, made for the people and answerable to the people.

It was Carlyle who said: "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." The United States and Canada are the sum total of the lives and ideals of millions of seekers after freedom—not of freedom for themselves alone, but of freedom for all men. They realized the truth that no man is free unless all men are free. That all men are created equal is not just a high sounding phrase. It is the keynote in the Bill of Rights that has made these great nations:

As Americans—we hold as our basic thesis that the good of the majority is the good of all, that all men are entitled to *equal treatment and equal responsibility*. As Americans, we value duty above privilege; truth above petty

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phrases; wisdom above cleverness; tolerance above prejudice.

Democracy is conduct, and its only stable foundation is character. What the democracy of the United States and Canada is, is determined by what its citizens—you and I and the man next door—are. *We* are democracy.

Spiritual Basis

On June 20, 1610, a pastor stood among the ragged, half-starved pioneers at Jamestown, Virginia, and appropriated the words of God: "I will make of thee a great nation—and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." The shell of an ancient Jamestown church still stands on the lonely little island down the river below Richmond to remind us of the spiritual foundations of the United States and Canada.

Ten years later in the hold of the "Mayflower" the torchbearers of freedom began to write: "In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are written—having undertaken for the glory of God and for the advancement of the Christian faith—do solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one another covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body . . ."

Today the United States and Canada are in a moral crisis. The old codes of ethics are being tossed overboard. A downward moral drift is sensed everywhere. We are apt to lose our freedom through laziness about our duty to God's church, disrespect for law, and unchecked national spending.

William Penn saw the necessity for a strong moral undergirding for a nation when he said, "Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants." There is no other choice.

We in the United States and Canada will continue to enjoy the privileges we do only when we follow codes of society right in the sight of God. At this holiday time let us recall one of the great passages of the Good Book which says, "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free." Christ's followers are the free men of the world. Will you help preserve this freedom by following the dictates of Christ?

" . . . and Then I Shall Be Free"

The signers of the Declaration of Independence were typical Americans—a mixture of native-born and foreign-born, rich and poor, farmers and inventors, financiers and physicians, self-made and to-the-manner-born, Protestants, Catholics, freethinkers, some well schooled and some with little schooling. But they all had in common a desire for liberty. They knew that freedom cannot be taken from your neighbor without losing it yourself.

Today colonial peoples are seeking that same freedom. Peoples of India, Egypt, Java, Tunisia,

South Africa, and other colonial lands are seeking a place of liberty for themselves in this world, just as our forefathers sought a place of liberty for the 13 original colonies. Yet how many Americans are turning their backs on these modern seekers-after-freedom?

Perhaps we need to know freedom better. Dr. John A. Mackay tells us: "A man might be free from all external authority and yet be a slave—a slave to his own self-will. True freedom is positive in character. . . . It is freedom in the truth; freedom born of a full commitment to God in whose love and service man becomes fully free and truly man."

"Ye shall know the truth," said Jesus, "and the truth shall make you free." "I am the truth," He said.

*Make me a captive, Lord,
and then I shall be free.*

This is the freedom our world needs.

A Project

Prepare a worship service out of the experience of this study which might be given to your Church night or Sunday evening service group.

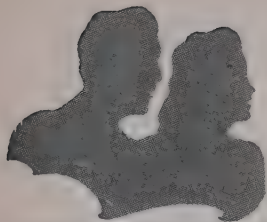
Make definite plans for projects through which your group can bring a Christian influence to bear on government.

Questions

1. In the dictator states of communism, nazism and fascism, which is most important, the individual or the state? Is the situation different in a democracy like our own?
2. Do you think of yourself as belonging to the state?
3. Do you think the purposes of the country should be placed above the welfare and happiness of the people who compose that country?
4. Do you think that it is adequate to say that democracy "is government by the people, of the people and for the people"? Whom do we mean when we say "by the people"? Do we mean the majority?
5. What do you understand by the phrase, "government for the people"?
6. Are television and radio shaping the thinking of people today? Are they liable to become the tools of pressure groups or the people who have money to invest in programs and thus secure what they desire for their own ends?
7. Does God take sides with nations?
8. Does giving our first loyalty to God and the teachings of Christ mean we are unpatriotic?
9. Do the newspapers in your community give the truth or do they distort facts?
10. Why has communism gained such headway among backward nations?

From The Bible

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| M., July | 4. Builder and Watchman. | Psalm 127:1. |
| T., July | 5. Labourers With God. | 1 Cor. 3:8, 9. |
| W., July | 6. Danger of Forgetting God. | Psalm 9:17, 18. |
| T., July | 7. Remember What God Hath Done. | Deut. 4:5-9. |
| F., July | 8. Fellow Citizens In Christ. | Eph. 2:13-22. |
| S., July 9. | God's Temple. | II Cor. 6:16. |
| Sun., July | 10. Topic—"The Land of The Free." | Galatians 5:13-16; Romans 13:1-8. |



Fishermen and Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:18-22; John 1:40-42

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

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1. Pray for God's blessing and help.
2. Study the Bible selections given.
3. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
4. Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

A lively topic is offered today for our consideration. *Fishermen and Fishers of Men*—how this stirs the imagination! Particularly suited to an outdoor setting, special plans should be made to provide a beach setting if possible. Any inland stream or lake would be equally suitable or whatever is the next best possibility. Use special settings or "decorations" to add to the fishermen effect. Hymns suitable to the subject should be selected. Perhaps a "Galilean Meeting" might be planned with the leader in a boat speaking to the group nearby on the shore. Or possibly all could be "aboard ship."

The leader should be aware of the evangelistic opportunity afforded in this meeting. When speaking of "fishers of men," the emphasis should always be on winning others for Christ. Study this matter and provide literature for the society if possible. Consider various ways of "fishing" for others. Discuss the values of personal evangelism, or visitation evangelism, or of mass meetings. Consider the value of the testimony that one's personal Christian living offers. Use every means possible to impress the young people of our constant duty as Christians of winning others for Christ and the Church. Emphasize too the great personal satisfaction that is one's reward for faithfulness here. There is no greater blessing. Make plans to do something definite about this matter in the early fall, or at once. Don't let it stop with mere words today.

Meditations

- M., July 11. My Brother's Keeper. Genesis 4:9, 10.
- T., July 12. Saved To Serve. Mark 5:19, 20.
- W., July 13. A Soul Saved From Death. James 5:19, 20.
- T., July 14. Apostle To The Gentiles. Romans 11:13, 14.
- F., July 15. Follow To Know. Hosea 6:3.
- S., July 16. Teaching Our Children. Isaiah 54:13.
- Sun., July 17. Topic—Fishermen and Fishers of Men. Matt. 4:18-22; John 1:40-42.

Humble Beginnings

We can scarcely read the New Testament without coming face to face with the matter of fishing. Several of Jesus' disciples followed this ancient occupation. They were all humble men, most of them of little education, and few with apparent talent. But Jesus saw the latent power within them. Always He has sensed the unknown best in a person and made its development possible.

The greatest Christian leaders in the history of the world were humble men, probably men who thought themselves unable to witness effectively. Yet the Master of men made them the channels of His message to the entire world. Out of their preaching and writing we find the very Gospel of Life. Not one of them would have even suspected this use of their little abilities when they dedicated them to Christ's service. Are we any different today?

Fishermen and Fishers of Men

The teaching of our Lord has always been given in colorful and imaginative language consistently practical and understandable. Using the oriental imagery which often joins the material and the spiritual values Jesus, and later His Church, have shown a parallel between those who let down their nets into the sea and those who save souls for everlasting life. The ordinary men He chose for His first disciples understood this illustration. They were commonplace in their daily work but they caught the vision He was holding before them. They were possessed of divine powers when they sought to win their friends and neighbors to the Christian faith. They were first fishermen, but they came to be "fishers of men." In a broader sense we too are in their spiritual nets. They have demonstrated to us that the Christian disciple has both a spiritual work and a physical.

Every church member today has really two occupations: a livelihood and a mission as a follower of Christ. We can be both fishermen, or carpenters, or business people, or professional workers—and also fishers of men.

Fishers All

It has rightly been said that every church should have many preachers. Every elder or deacon or consistory member, every trustee, every Bible school teacher, every Christian Endeavor officer, indeed every one in any leadership capacity in the church should be proclaiming the Gospel in his own way each day. This is the privilege and duty of Christian leadership. If those who are so set apart in Christ's Name are not ready and willing, who else in the world will be?

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To help Christian young people see the need for winning others, and to help them succeed in it.

BAIT FOR FISHER TALK

1. What did Jesus mean in saying "will make you fishers of men"?
2. How can He make us to be that?
3. What must we do to help?
4. Is it necessary to win others for Christ if we are Christian?
5. How can we best be fishers of men?
6. What is the "bait" to use?
7. What do we need to be fishers?
8. How necessary is prayer as an aid?
9. How can we be fishers of men a our daily work or school? Is it worth while?
10. What can our society do to actively become witnesses for Christ?

But we may go even a step further. Every Christian may be a "fisher of men," seeking win others to Christ—and this is the heart of the Gospel. When Jesus spoke to the brothers at the sea side, He said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4: 19) To truly follow Him is to be a seeker after others. The very heart of Christ cries out that we bring others to His fold, that they too may have the Life Abundant. When Andrew first found Christ and believed in Him, we read his eternal credit, "He first found his own brother Simon, and said unto him, 'We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted the Christ.' And he brought him to Jesus" (John 1: 41, 42.) If Andrew never did this other Christian service in his whole life (and we believe he did much more), this one changed the history of the world. He brought Simon Peter the great apostle to Christ—a Peter brought untold multitudes into the Kingdom. It was Peter who proclaimed Christ to the Son of God at Caesarea Philippi, establishing the foundation of the Church. It was Peter who preached at Pentecost when more than three thousand were converted making us the steady advance of the Church. It was Peter who did many of the wonderful things of the first century. And it was humble Andrew who brought him to Jesus!

We may not all be able to preach, but we can all bring someone into the fellowship of the Church, or even to Christ directly. We know what Kingdom-builder we can "find for God and "bring him unto Christ."

In many ways Christian Endeavorers can be fishers of men in the Saviour's Name. By visitation evangelism, by evangelistic meetings, preaching missions, by study and by prayer we can do our part. Especially by personal evangelism can we do our best. Simply telling the story of Jesus and striving to bring others to our Christian activities supported by daily prayer, this is Youth's way to be fishers of men for Christ and the Church.

A SEED THOUGHT

The God who made our mouths will fill them with the right words if we wish to speak for Him.

OUR AIMS

1. To inspire youth to the challenge presented by missions.
2. To get a close up of mission work at home.
3. To be ready to dedicate life to mission service wherever Christ may desire us to serve.

QUESTIONS

1. Why do we have a problem of race relations in America?
2. How may white and Negro groups learn mutual appreciation?
3. Do our churches really help to bring justice and more abundant life to the underprivileged?
4. When you see the need for missions, and what is being accomplished, can you answer honestly "What will we do to help?"
5. What is your denomination doing for home missions in underprivileged sections of rural regions? in cities?
6. What support is your church giving home mission endeavors. (Consult your pastor and your women's missions group leaders.)

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Secure a Film

First choice, *Again . . . Pioneers*—this is a dramatic study of one approach to Home Missions. It is a 68-minute, sound film with excellent production. The rental cost is \$12. It may be secured from your denomination or our branch library of Religious Films Association, Inc.

Second choice, *What Happened to Jo Jo*—study of what happened on the doorstep of one youth group and how the members reacted. It is a 30-minute, sound film, and may be secured from your denomination for a rental of \$8.

Third choice, *Like A Mighty Army*—a study of a church at work on Home Missions. It is a 48-minute, sound picture that is well filmed. The rental cost is \$12. Secure from your denomination or nearby film libraries.

Call to Missionary Alertness

The unit theme for this mission study is timely. No other generation of Christians ever faced a larger missionary task, or one more clearly defined, than that which confronts the church today. Livingstone said, "The end of the geographical feat is only the beginning of the missionary enterprise." In 1955 there are no more geographical discoveries to be made. Virtually all tribes have been discovered; the dark places of the earth, full of habitations of cruelty, are no longer unknown. "Go ye into all the world" has become a geographical possibility.

No matter where we live, we stand squarely in the midst of the Battle of the Ages: the Prince of Darkness against the Prince of Peace, the powers of evil against the Kingdom of God. In such a scene there can be no isolationism for those who believe the Great Commission and the desire to crown our Saviour Lord of all.

If we would pray and work for missions with understanding, as well as with the Spirit, we must have a true picture of the world today. Ignorance is always a cause of misunderstanding, and there is much truth in the French proverb, "To know all is to forgive all." Only when we are adequately informed can we go into all the world intelligently and sympathetically to tell others the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

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Projects

Make a Spot Survey of your immediate church community to discover the percentage of Christians and number of churches. Divide group in three sections. Ask pastor and advisor for help on survey cards. Here are a few suggestions: *Questions for community survey:* Family name. How many in family? Members of any church? How many of the family? What is your church preference? *Questions for School survey:* Do you attend Sunday school? Church? Are you a member of a church? Are you a member of a church youth group? Do you belong to any of the following: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls? 4-H Club, F.F.A.? Y.M.C.A.? Y.W.C.A.? (add other popular, local groups)

Visit a near-by Home Mission project of your denomination or another denomination.

Visit an Unchurched Area where religious ministry is needed.

Report on "Home Missions in Our Denomination."

Make map of your denomination's Home Mission supported churches.

Adapt play or develop drama depicting a near-by Home Mission project.

A New Mission Chapel Story

This story of a little Spanish-speaking boy helps us understand how much a beautiful new church means to those who worship in a new mission chapel.

Although Budy was only four years old, he had a mind of his own! First of all, he ran away from the Catholic kindergarten. Then, when his mother placed him in a Protestant church kindergarten, he continued to want to assert himself in many ways.

Since his mother worked all day, the mission workers were eager to help Budy learn the things he needed to know and to be the kind of little boy he should be. In the long hours from 7:30 in the morning when he came to the school until five at night when he left, they worked with him, lovingly and patiently.

But one thing they could not make him do. He would not attend the services in the church. He looked disdainfully about the little worship room which at that time was being used for worship.

"This is not a church," he would say.

Then the beautiful new church was built. Budy was present at the dedication service. He looked at the lovely arches, the beamed ceiling. He looked at the beautiful rose window over the worship center. He listened to the music.

Then he said, "This is really a church!"

Budy had not yet learned that the church is not merely a building; it is more than that. It is a group of people, working and worshipping together.

But the beauty of the new building must have given him a feeling of worship which he had not had before. This feeling of worship, of love and trust in God, should help him grow "in wisdom and in favor with God and man."



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About the Isolated Hill Country

When the colonists first came to America they settled along the seacoast. Then gradually they moved westward. Some settled in the mountains of Kentucky. Most of these settlers were from England. For many years they lived by themselves, shut in by the hills, hardly knowing what was going on in the rest of the world. In this way they kept many of their old customs, ways of living, and beliefs.

Many of the people were deeply religious. But their religion was often a religion of superstitions and beliefs contrary to Jesus' teachings, such as the belief that if a person were once saved he need not worry about his actions for he would always be saved. The religion did not carry over into everyday living, and there was much lawlessness. Drunkenness prevails everywhere.

Young people scarcely out of childhood marry. A disconcerting number of babies are born out of wedlock. "Poor folks has a poor way." The most needed repairs on shacks go for lack of a few dollars to buy materials, even nails. Mothers strive to take care of large families without the conveniences known to the cabins of other sections. Yet the young boy is eager to get an education and become a leader. The public schools, though they have made marvelous strides forward, are still pathetically ill-prepared for their great responsibility. The church schools have performed an invaluable service for the youth who come out of backward communities, often where the religious destitution is appalling.

Schools, hospitals, chapels have been established by churches. Young people are now being trained to lift the levels of their own people. Some young people are filling larger places in the world. One young man whose father was a feudist is now a pastor of a fine New York City church.

Use Student Project Helpers

Each summer the denominations are sending young people of both high school and college age into home missions centers to work from 4 to 8 weeks. These young people do all kinds of jobs from painting and repairing buildings to conducting vacation church schools and providing recreation for children and youth. Some of these young people may be from your church. Or some may be working in projects in your neighborhood. Ask a project team member to share with you his or her experiences.

Daily Devotional Readings

M., July 11.	The Sick Receive Healing.	Matt. 4:23, 24.
T., July 12.	The Dead Brought To Life.	Luke 8:49-55.
W., July 13.	The Hungry Are Filled.	Luke 9:12-17.
T., July 14.	Many Believe on Jesus.	John 11:45.
F., July 15.	Mary Anoints Jesus.	John 12:3.
S., July 16.	Unclean Spirit Departs.	Luke 9:37-42.
Sun., July 17.	Topic—Inspiring Stories From Home Mission Fields.	Acts 8:1-8; Matt. 9:36-38.



A Christian Dials With Discretion

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Matthew 4:8-10; I John 2:15-17; Hebrews 12:1, 2

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A series of particular value begins today, entitled *Christians Discriminate*. Should this seem to be too optimistic a statement let the leader determine to set as his own goal the thought, "I will help my Christian friends to discriminate." This series is divided into two sections, today's topic being *A Christian Dials With Discretion*. This deals with choices to be made on radio and television. Next week we consider the topic *A Christian's Book Shelf*, making us aware of the use of discretion in reading. Keep these thoughts related and try to bring out the idea that Christians definitely and consistently should use extreme care in their choice of viewing and reading. The eye-gate and the ear-gate are important ports of entry to the mind and the soul. They should be well guarded.

Today's leader may well review these things. He should make a study of local television and radio programs. These should be evaluated, with the help of the pastor or some informed and discriminating leader. A list can be made in the meeting also of the various programs of high quality and value. The merits and benefits of these should be discussed. Perhaps a list of undesirable programs can be evolved, giving the reasons for their lack of value. Consider the effect of various programs on all age groups, small children, young people, homemakers, aged and lonely people, etc. Make some definite decisions for future program consumption, and also how the Christian Endeavor society can improve the situation. Consider, too, the effect of the advertising upon the minds of the viewers and hearers. Letters can be written to sponsors, to Senators, Congressmen, and Assemblymen, in order to get legislation for better control of such advertising.

While this is an ideal time for an outdoor meeting, try to get serious consideration of this subject. Perhaps this one could be held indoors, or with suitable outdoor setting.

A SEED THOUGHT

In the Chinese proverb "One picture is worth a thousand words," consider the impact for good or for evil that television brings upon our homes.

The Air Waves Bring The Showboat

These wonderful air waves that have come partially under the control of man, bring us strange and wonderful things. *The Showboat* comes noisily along, music and entertainment fill our homes, measureless gunfire roars through the living room, political candidates rise or fall by their personality and persuasion, even man's aches and pains are aired by wistfully helpful announcers in their commercials. Music and speech, drama and comedy, pictures and words are ruthlessly "dumped" into our homes daily. Certainly judgment and discretion must be used constantly, daily, to separate the wheat from the chaff. The good food is so mixed with the poison that it is often difficult to determine which is which. How fortunate we are to be considering this problem as thoughtful young people today, for we can be leaders in good taste and good judgment wherever we are. Christians have responsibilities in the name of their Lord.

Jump-Along Hic-Cough

"Yes, boys and girls, it's Jump-Along Hic-Cough with his horse Gun-Sight riding out of the old N.B.C. corral,"—and the shooting begins. A young child turns to the air waves for excitement; he is seldom disappointed in getting it. In his cowboy costumes, guns, and games he carries this excitement and method into his daily play. Clothing must often carry the proper brand, or be the color or style, of his hero. (Girls are equally taken up with the whole matter. It's not a man's world alone, this "Old West" or the "Underworld"!) What effect does all this have on a child's thinking and habits?

By the same token, we can readily recognize that programs on a more advanced level affect the imagination and the habits of young people and adults. Choice of costumes, forms of entertainment, and amusement, mannerisms, standards of ethics, all these are influenced by what is seen and heard from the air waves. Our selection of companions and surroundings, our standards of conduct, our very attitudes toward right and wrong are deeply affected by these convincing pictures so constantly shown in our very living rooms. No, doubtless adults and young people are more changed by what they see than our young cowboys are. Theirs is a rather harmless game—but the rest of us "play for keeps." We get ideas that destroy body, mind and soul unless we are "Christianly" careful.

What Is A Good Program?

This question can well take up a good part of the meeting. The group will want to carefully evaluate what makes a "good" program. What does it have, what does it do? What makes a "bad" or a useless program? Why is it so? Consider the social graces that represent culture and refinement that may be lacking. Review the areas where religious teaching or

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To instill the truth that Christians should choose their leisure time activities carefully.
2. To help young people discriminate in the matter of radio and television programs.

FOR FURTHER DIALING

There will doubtless be little time for discussion. However, the following should be faced:

1. What do you think Jesus would do about the present radio-television pattern?
2. Should Christians use TV? Why?
3. Why should a Christian be discriminating in ALL things?
4. What do we mean by "discriminate" from a Christian point of view?
5. What effect will this meeting have on your personal viewing and hearing?

Christian relationships are strengthened or torn down. How about racial or national prejudice; is it given greater strength or is it made to seem properly un-Christian? Is one's appreciation of good music nurtured, or is it confused in a bedlam of raucous sounds? In terms of education, what benefits are derived from radio and from TV? The political arena is being cleaned and aired for considerable use the weeks ahead. What benefits do we get from the appearances of candidates and supporters? How could this be improved, that it might be beneficial?

Endeavorers, being exploratory by nature and fair in judgment, will doubtless wish to analyze some of the current local programs, the ones that are now being beamed into our homes and bidden. Are they good, bad, or just utterly useless? A desirable outcome of this meeting might be to make a list of current radio and television programs available locally, in which a Christian does well to invest time and thought. Work out plans how this information may be given to your Church congregation and community.

And what about the sponsors? While discussing the effects of the programs, don't fail to give thought to the disastrous effects of advertising. As children and adults have the things "drummed" into their ears, something happens. Should there not be more strict control over the type of products advertised, as well as over the methods used?

The Columbia Broadcasting Company recently denied one of America's leading radio and television manufacturing companies the right to advertise "Phonevision" on its Omnibus program. Phonevision is a "pay-you-see" TV system. If such denial is possible we can not shut out other promotion of this against the public interest?

Strive to decide what can be done to bet the effects of these ceaseless airwaves. What do about it will be the key to the success of the meeting. Remember, a Christian dials with discrimination—and he helps others do it too.

From The Book of Books

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| M., July 18. | Good Intentions Put To Practice. | I Sam. 18: 2. |
| T., July 19. | Decisions That Count. | Matt. 21:28-30. |
| W., July 20. | Gates of Death And Life. | Matt. 7:13. |
| T., July 21. | Search Me, O God. | Psalms 139: 23-24. |
| F., July 22. | Serving Two Masters. | Matt. 6: 23-24. |
| S., July 23. | Lord, Save Us, We Perish. | Matt. 8:23-24. |
| Sun., July 24. | Topic—A Christian Dials With Discretion. | Matt. 4:8-10; I John 2:15-17; Hebrews 12:1, 2. |

OUR AIMS

1. To get incidents of mission fields abroad into the thinking of the Endeavorers.
2. To note the thrilling things that are happening in Kingdom building abroad.
3. To relate foreign missions to the Christian Endeavorers at home.

QUESTIONS

1. What mission fields does our denomination have abroad?
2. In what missionary fields are our local church particularly interested? (Interview the pastor or Women's Missionary group officers)
3. Have we definite instances of missionaries giving their lives to help un-Christian peoples abroad?
4. Why is Albert Schweitzer so well-known around the world today?
5. What missionary work—evangelistic, medical, educational, etc.—seems to be most effective in missions abroad today?
6. Why are the major denominations in nations like Japan, the Philippines, etc., sharing in the "united churches" which have been established in these lands?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb his Topic

The challenge of foreign mission fields has ever been greater than today. There are heroic tales which can be told. Use your denominational literature to secure recent and stimulating stories. We present general stories here.

Egypt Witnesses

William Borden was not privileged to give half-century in service. He died at the age of twenty-five, but he lived in those brief years a life that will never die. Feeling that God had called him to be a missionary in faraway Kansu, province in inland China, William Borden had prepared himself for service there. But he did not even reach his mission field of service. He died in Cairo, Egypt, where he had stopped to perfect himself in Arabic in preparation for his work among the Chinese Moslems.

During his undergraduate days at Yale and his seminary study at Princeton, Borden, though a millionaire, had not indulged himself nor wasted the precious days which were his. In her challenging biography "Borden of Yale '99," Mrs. Howard Taylor gives interesting accounts of his work with the Student Volunteer Band, the Yale Hope Mission, the China Inland Mission, and a little African Methodist church in Princeton, "where Borden had taught the Sunday school for two winters." Borden did not wait until he reached his mission field to begin serving his Lord, but he had lived a life of practical Christian service from day

A few years ago an American party, mostly young people, was visiting in Cairo. With a half-day free from sight-seeing, one of them suggested that they make an effort to find Borden's grave. On the city's western border, they eventually located the Protestant Cemetery.

The grave was found in a rather crowded section of the cemetery. A marble slab covered the entire grave, while eight upright posts around the slab were connected by a low iron

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rod. The group read the inscription on the tomb, reviewed the life, and sang a hymn. The cameras snapped, and the young people moved quietly and reverently away.

In that group was a young man—tall, handsome, and with great prospects in life. Though a preacher's son, he was skeptical. Only a short time before, when someone had called on him to pray in public, he had replied, "Pray yourself; I don't believe in that sort of stuff."

That young man turned from the modest grave in Egypt, and, as he walked down the dusty, dirty streets of the little city, decided that he too had rather have Jesus. He stopped in the street and picked a dirty, ragged baby from the arms of a beggar mother. With the baby in his arms, he promised God to return to do the work Borden of Yale had planned to do.

The influence of Bill Borden cannot be fully told until the end of time. Had Borden lived, he would have been only sixty-six this year. Could longer years have told a more beautiful story? He made 25 years an eternity by saying simply, "I'd rather have Jesus."

India Witnesses

Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the famed doctor of Labrador, visited India shortly before his death. He wrote: "Let anyone who needs further evidence of the value of missions, visit some of the splendid modern colleges for girls, like the Isabella Thoburn College at Lucknow, and watch these fine young women, coming straight from the cruel handicap of purdah, receive the glorious gift of modern college life and education. When we watched that beautiful sight, the ebb and flow of young life, one realized their capacity for changing the whole life of India, . . . and one longed that every one who wished to know the truth might witness this for himself." Dr. Grenfell summarizes: "One of India's greatest hopes for the future is in her emancipated women. Love and unselfishness must save India as well as the rest of the world."

Japan Witnesses

Listen to this testimony of Rev. S. Hirono of the Church of Christ in Japan: "Let me tell you a little about the spirit and principle of the Christian Endeavor in Japan. We have the slogan of 'For Christ and His Church.' Romans the 12th chapter, first verse, is the special Scripture verse and the favorite hymn is No. 456 of the Japanese hymn book. There are other Christian organizations for young people like the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. In their way they are doing splendid service for young people, but the type and spirit of Christian Endeavor is quite different. In Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. members join to get something for spirit, mind, and body. But we stand for Christ and His church. This makes the Christian Endeavor quite centered on Christ and His Church. There

are some Christians in Japan who are called Non-Churchists. They have no use for the church or any Christian organization. But the church is the body of Christ and the united and organized service of the church and young people is quite needed in this organized world.

"The Christian Endeavor is quite definitely centered on Christ and His Church because Christ first loved us when we were yet sinners. We can never be separated from Christ whatever the cost may be. We also love Him and love to serve Him. Where there is this spirit of service to Him, there is the Christian Endeavor. It is born by the grace and blessing of Christ. Naturally, listening to the words of God, Bible study and prayers have the first place in our work. Where there is the spirit of service to Christ there comes unity and fellowship. No other organization on earth can ever have more unique spirit of unity and fellowship than the Christian Endeavor."

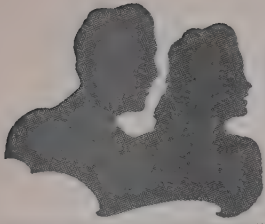
Africa Witnesses

Paramount Chief, Albert George Caulker, of Rotifunk, native ruler of the Bumpe Chiefdom for 29 years, has been a staunch member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for almost a half century. He received his early training at the Rufus Clarke Institute where he became a convert to the Christian faith. He has been faithful through all these years in the face of pagan practices and has been a tower of strength in the building of our schools and churches. As recently as 1916 human cannibalism was still practiced by a society in his chiefdom.

By heroic faith in the power of the gospel and sustained by the prayers of his Christian friends, he succeeded in stamping out this practice and leading in many moral reforms for the welfare of his people. Throughout the whole of Sierra Leone, Chief Caulker is recognized for his Christian faith and convictions. The positions which he has filled with distinction reveal the trust and esteem in which he is held by his people and the governor. He has received these honors: Honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, King's Medal for Chiefs; ex-member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Sierra Leone; Assessor Chief of the Supreme Court, and Deputy President of the Moyamba District Council.

Meditations

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| M., July 18. | Work of Early Missionaries. | |
| T., July 19. | Witnessing to The Samaritans. | Matt. 28:16-20. |
| W., July 20. | Preaching In Europe. | Acts 8:14-17. |
| T., July 21. | Witnessing At Ephesus. | Acts 18:14, 15. |
| F., July 22. | Preaching To The Gentiles. | Acts 19:1-5. |
| S., July 23. | Paul Preaches In Rome. | Acts 10:44-48. |
| Sun., July 24. | Topic—Inspiring Mission Fields Abroad. | Acts 26:19, 20; Mark 16:14-20. |



A Christian's Book Shelf

No. 2 in a Series:
"Christians Discriminate"

I Timothy 4:13-16; II Timothy 2:15

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This topic concludes a unit of two on the general subject *Christians Discriminate*. It relates itself to the matter of reading. Certainly Christians should discriminate, and choose carefully the materials to be read. The leader tonight will have the privilege of directing the thinking of the society members along the lines of their literary opportunities. Certainly if we are to "love the Lord thy God with all thy mind . . ." we must nourish those minds with the proper food; we must give our best mentally as well as every other way.

The meeting may be held indoors or outdoors to equal advantage. Let the emphasis be upon books and their use. You will want to consider both religious works, those of popular writing, and even magazines if there is time. Try to establish standards for choosing our reading. Make up lists of good books that should be read and those that should be purchased and kept. You may wish to list also the trash that may better be avoided. So much modern reading is not worth the time it consumes. Consider the effects of radio and television, as well as other modern inventions, on our reading habits. Try to relate this meeting to last week's, bringing out the important lesson that a Christian should always use his time and his senses wisely. Point out and discuss the methods and the values of proper discrimination in the use of television, radio, reading matter, and all leisure-time activities.

What's On Your Book Shelf?

The answer to this question will tell a great deal about the owner of the shelf. Someone has said "You are what you read," and this is at least partially true. The kind of books that attract us enough to secure, and the kind we read, will certainly be a good index to our in-

terests and character. They will indicate the fields of our interest for example. Those interested in science, or aviation, or history, or stamp collecting, or music, or poetry, or any other subject, will reflect that interest in the type of books they read. Assuredly in the field of fiction, the quality of the reading will be reflected in the character and habits of the reader.

The Better Ones

It has wisely been said that some books, as food, are to be shunned entirely, some are to be nibbled, some are to be eaten sparingly, while some are to be taken generously, carefully digested, and thoroughly assimilated. How to get good reading matter is an important problem. Much help can be gained from the reviews published in religious magazines. A good source of titles is in the religious book clubs available. The magazine *Christian Herald* sponsors a splendid one. Any church performs a helpful service when it compiles and publishes lists of books from which Christians may derive benefits. The lending of good books should be encouraged (and the returning of them demanded!). The use of public and private library facilities opens a wonderful field of opportunity. Christians have many places to get books; they should get the better ones.

A Few Suggestions

The President of our World's Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, makes the following recommendations regarding new books especially suitable for Christian reading. (Study the list and discuss the books):

Prayers of Peter Marshall by Catherine Marshall invites and inspires one to both a careful study and worshipful reading.

The Old Testament and the Fine Arts by Cynthia Pearl Maus is preceded by *Christ and The Fine Arts*. This makes a permanent and abiding contribution to the enrichment of Church and Bible School literature as well as to Biblical departments of church colleges, universities, and public libraries.

Childcraft, 15 volumes. It is a timely and important contribution to our American way of life. It provides children with basic introduction to many fascinating subjects.

Relax Chum by Elinor Rose is a book of preaching, but the reader is not conscious of it. It contains sparkling stories vividly written.

The Guideposts Anthology edited by Norman Vincent Peale is filled with human interest and vivid personal experiences of well-known entertainers and outstanding persons.

Horns and Halos In Human Nature by J. Wallace Hamilton contains unique and striking sermons and challenging chapter titles.

The Truth About Catholics by Virgil A. Kelly gives the truth about many Roman Catholic beliefs such as the Bible, life after death, the Church, etc. It strengthens Protestants as a result.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To instill the truth that Christians should choose their leisure time activities carefully.

2. To help young people discriminate properly in their reading.

READ AND DISCUSS

1. What is good reading matter?
2. How do we locate such good material?

3. What do our books tell about us?
4. What is the greatest book, aside from the Bible, that you know?

5. Why is it good?
6. What books should be on our shelves permanently? Why?

7. What is discrimination in the matter of reading?

8. What blessing do we get from reading the Bible?

9. Give Bible verses pertaining to reading.

10. What does II Timothy 2:15 mean?

Fisher of Men by Kurt Frieberger is a novel completely different from *The Robe*. Follows more closely the scriptural record of the New Testament. It makes Peter come alive.

The Unbelieving Wife by Margaret Echols is the story of an unbelieving wife in a personage, and how she is changed by conversion then loved by her people.

His Path Is In The Waters by Cresswell Donald Ketchum is a story of a 17 year old boy in love with the sea, who becomes captain of a ship, then leaves for missionary pulpits.

Conserve The Benefits

In selecting fiction, the best should be chosen that the portion which remains in the mind. Character will be wholesome and helpful. So of one's reading time may well be spent on non-fiction reading. History, biography, poetry and drama, etc., are permanently beneficial. Some books we purchase for our own shelves should be of the reference type; the kind containing factual material, to be sought out when needed. Everyone should constantly increase the reservoir of good books, either on family book shelf or in his own room. A definite reading plan should be set up. It is most helpful also to keep a notebook to include in it helpful quotations, or references to interesting items in books owned or read. Use every means possible to understand and to remember that which is read.

The Book of Books

While considering a schedule for reading, and weighing the benefits of good books, I never forget the greatest Book of them all. God's Word is still the finest reading for mankind. It contains all forms of literature, written in classic elegance, yet understandable to the child. No day should pass without our reading a portion of the Bible. A Christian is discriminating,—so surely he will read the best possible. The Bible is still the world's best seller, the most popular of all earth's reading matter. We grow in the Christian life by our reading. Let God's Word point the way to the abundant life and Life Eternal.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Some books, as food, are to be nibbled or shunned. Others are to be chewed and eaten lightly; still others should be taken generously and carefully digested."

Messages From The Bible

- M., July 25. Teach God's Word. Deut. 6:6-9.
T., July 26. Study God's Word. II Tim. 2:16.
W., July 27. A Light Upon My Pathway. Psalm 119:105, 106.
T., July 28. Our Works Judged. I Cor. 3:13-15.
F., July 29. Paul In Athens. Acts 17:16-34.
S., July 30. Josiah Reads The Covenant. II Kings 23:1, 2.
Sun., July 31. Topic—A Christian's Book Shelf. I Tim. 4:13-16; II Tim. 2:15.

OUR AIMS

1. To take a look through Christian eyes at our community.
2. To realize that one who seeks to be true to Christ must share Him right at home.
3. To undertake some project of helpfulness in the community.

QUESTIONS

1. What has your church done to make your community a better place in which to live?
2. To what extent should the church engage in social reform in the community or nation?
3. What instruments does the Christian have at his disposal to make his country more Christian?
4. What are the most un-Christian practices in America with which the church should concern herself?
5. In what respect do you believe your church should be a community church?
6. Should a church member accept public office?
7. Are we different persons as members of the community than we are as members of the church?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Introduction

In a certain city the Christian forces discovered that the elements interested in profits from gambling and liquor were always present at the weekly council meetings to protect their interests and make their influence felt. The Christian forces decided it was time that they do something. Pledges were taken from members of the ministerial association, church brotherhoods, Sunday-school classes, parent-teacher associations, and Christian Endeavor societies to be present at the regular city council meetings. In this way the Christian people are showing their interest in having a decent community. The whole life of the city being affected for good.

Scripture

Each of the scripture passages is very clear. There have always been those who have thought that it was possible for them to be religious without any sense of responsibility to others. This cannot be if these two passages are correct. For further references see Isaiah 6:8; Romans 13:8-10; Mark 12:30-31; Luke 10:30-37.

What Do You Know?

To be honest now — What do you know about your very own community, anyway? Church members it is necessary for us to be intelligent about our community situation, don't you? Suppose that we make a map of our community—indicate the location of factories and mills. By the use of color show where the wealthy live and where the poor live. Mark in black the saloons, beer parlors, and gambling dens. Indicate movie houses, dance halls and other institutions that might be questioned as to their contribution for good. Mark in green public parks and playgrounds. Indicate community halls, "Y's," hospitals, libraries, schools and churches.

There are some valuable facts that you will be interested in determining. The total population of your community. Number of factory and mill workers. Number of persons in need of relief. The average wage of factory workers. The number of cases of juvenile delinquency, and of drunkenness. When you have

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secured this information then try to evolve some worthy plan in which your society may put the findings into practical use.

What is the Place of Your Church?

There are three fundamental convictions for which the Church stands. *All personality is sacred*—the poor, the rich, the White, the Negro. *God is the Father of all*; therefore, the entire race is designed to be one family. *It is the obligation of the strong to help the weak.* "I am my brother's keeper." These are basic principles of Christ and the church for directing Christian action.

What is the value of my church in the community in which I live? It should co-operate in interdenominational work. It should establish a Christian culture in the community. It should help to provide a wholesome youth recreational program. The moral temperature of the community should be higher because of your church. With the help of your pastor and other leaders why not unite your efforts in having clean movies, in driving out gambling, places where intoxicants are sold? Could we make the atmosphere so vitally Christian that there will be no place for the forces of evil to actively operate in our community?

What Shall I Do?

Why not borrow only worthwhile books from the library? Fight the liquor traffic by personal boycott? Do my part in cooperating with other Christian youth? Attend a school of leadership training? Assist in a vacation school for the boys and girls? Be concerned where there is illness? Aid in securing food and clothing for needy families? Personally boost social good times of high caliber at my home or church? Dare to be really Christian? Use my leisure time in worthwhile activities, investing my life in others?

If you have the courage to answer in the affirmative your own life will be lifted to heights of joyous living and the moral temperature of your own community will rise.

Chain Reactions of the Spirit

One of Christian youth's good friends is Dan West, director of peace education for the Church of the Brethren. On many occasions we have heard him talk of "chain reactions of the Spirit." We have power in the Christian gospel.

In many communities "chain reactions" are at work. A neighbor does a good turn for a neighbor and life is made happier. A few residents in a neighborhood get together for a Sunday school and a new church is begun. Young people embark on a missions project and horizons are broadened.

What Young People Can Do

1. We young people can help to make our country more Christian by being Christian

in our own lives. Each of us is a part of our country. As we personally abstain from every evil and follow the way of imitating Christ, we help to make our country more Christian.

2. We may make our influence felt by protesting against the evils which appear in our communities and in our national life. Where we lack the power to change them, we can at least "make a howl." Protests registered against gambling, drunken driving, loose law enforcement, propaganda for war, corruption in politics, etc., will at least help us to keep our own conscience clear. Protests rightly directed often have effect. Legislators and officials elected by ballot are very sensitive to letters from voters.

What is your opinion of the Illinois women who protested against gambling by smashing slot machines with axes? They could not be arrested because there are no property rights in such illegal devices.

3. We may help make our country more Christian by spreading information concerning prevailing evils. We can do this through discussion groups, reading campaigns, posters, exhibits, dramas and pageants. By such means we can bring the facts to others and arouse them to stand with us against the evils which menace the life of our community.

4. We can help to make our country more Christian as we campaign for Christian principles in our community life and strive to make our town stand first in moral issues rather than in material things. By doing this we are true patriots, for patriotism consists not in shouting and flag waving, but in sacrificing for the highest interests of our country.

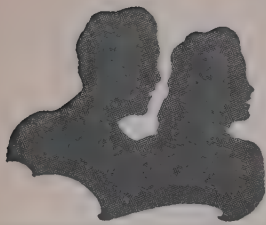
A Call to You

Am I missionary-minded here at home? Do I try to win souls here? Am I faithful to my Sunday school and church here? Can I work with others here? If I try to answer in the negative then I am *not* ready to go as a missionary to other lands. A boatride across the ocean will not change you in any of these respects. We must *first* be missionaries at home!

A call to be a missionary is a great privilege. We must value it, pray about it, and study to understand it fully. God is speaking to you now about it. What will your answer be?

Daily Bible Readings

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| M., July 25. | Beginning At Home. | Acts 1:1-8. |
| T., July 26. | Peter's Commission. | John 21:15-17. |
| W., July 27. | In The World But Not of It. | II Cor. 1:8-12. |
| T., July 28. | A Field To Sow. | Matt. 13:36-43. |
| F., July 29. | God's Workers. | I Cor. 3:9. |
| S., July 30. | "The Harvest Truly Is Great." | Luke 10:2. |
| Sun., July 31. | Topic—Being A Missionary In Our Town. | John 4:39-42; Luke 9:1-6. |



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Song of Soomon 8:6, 7; Luke 1:46-55; Psalm 1

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

An interesting series of summer topics begins today. It carries the general title *Lessons From Great Sources*, and promises to bring out a helpful study in several areas. Today's topic *Lessons From Bible Poets* points out the possibilities of this series. The total unit may well blend together many of the summer experiences we share in Christian Endeavor and in Christian service generally.

This is the season to arrange some outstanding outdoor meetings. They should be very well-planned and executed. Held at beach, park, forest, stream, or garden, they can provide never-to-be-forgotten experiences for all of the society. Perhaps you can join forces with the societies of other age groups in your church for a special summer program.

Union meetings with youth groups in other churches could be inspiring. If this has not already been planned let the leader of this meeting bring the matter before the society and spearhead the way for a series of "extra good" meetings for the rest of the summer.

Today is Consecration Sunday and special plans should be made for this. An outdoor setting could make this most effective. When the membership roll is called, each one can respond with Scripture or testimony pertaining to the subject of the topic. Instead of this there might be a response for some new step of fuller dedication of life. If it is a camp fire meeting the consecration portion could be dramatized effectively by a "fagot service." In this, each one tosses a fagot or stick on the fire as he gives his word of testimony or dedication. The brightening fire is symbolic of the effect of Christian lives as the "light of the world."

Great Sources

Some of the greatest sources of help and inspiration for Christian living are often over-

A Seed Thought

"Poetry is the overflowing of the soul."

looked. The very fact that they are so obvious, or so very great, seems to cause us to take them for granted. This series of topics is intended to bring together some of those summer experiences which have in themselves a spiritual influence. Out of these experiences can be brought forth the lessons of true Christianity. They help implant a Christian interpretation on the various events of daily living. Indeed they impart a spiritual attitude that is needful for the achievement of a successful life. Let us ever be alert to the lessons that come to us from many sources. In the topic of today we rather expect a definite teaching, but in the others to follow, there are some surprising sources. We can find God everywhere.

Poetry Is Important

There are often times when poetry or verse can bring an incomparable illustration of truth. On such occasions one poetic expression can convey more meaning than several paragraphs of prose. Both prose and poetry have their place and there are times when each is superior. The reading of poetry is greatly beneficial; the writing of it may prove to be a deeply moving experience.

The Language of the Old Testament

Hebrew "poetry" does not have metre or rhyme, like the poetry of our language. It consists rather of parallelisms, or thought rhythm. The same thought is repeated in different words, the second contrasting or climaxing the first, making synonymous couplets. Thus the sentiments of one line are echoed in the next. Try to analyze this in reading Biblical poetry.

God's Poets Speak To Us

Especially in Biblical literature is this true. The poetry of the Bible is magnificent in its sweep and power, in its dignity and its expression. There is much poetry in God's Word and much of it often goes unrecognized as such. Let's quickly take an imaginary trip into Holy Writ. The Psalms are perhaps the best known pieces of poetry, and the messages they speak are both convincing and moving. They reflect the moods of any people, the common cry, though those who first sang them had grievous problems; their experiences were unique in the history of man. Psalms are called in Hebrew, the Old Testament language, the "Book of Praises." Herein are 150 poems to be set to music for worship. It was truly Israel's Hymn Book and Prayer Book combined, and was used for both public and private worship. Some writers have called this book of poems "the most glorious accomplishment of Israel's Golden Age." Many of Christ's words were quotations from this source, even His dying agonies, so close were they to His heart and mind.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To show what contribution the "greater sources" can make in our daily Christian lives.
2. To learn the lessons taught by the poets of the Bible.

A QUIZ ON THE LESSON

1. What is poetry?
2. How is Bible poetry different from the modern type?
3. What message do you get from the Scripture lessons given?
4. Is the reading of poetry a helpful experience? Why?
5. Can you name any of Christ's statements given in "poetry"?
6. How can poetry help us be better Christians?

The Book of Job is also poetry. It is poetic-philosophic meditation on the ways of God. The problem of suffering is the theme it, with faith in God the victory. Thom Carlyle once said, "I call this book, apart from all theories about it, one of the grandest thing ever written. Our first, oldest statement of the never-ending problem—Man's Destiny, and God's Ways with him in the earth. There is nothing written, I think, of equal literary merit."

Proverbs is a familiar book to most of us though not always recognized as the poetry really is. This poetical book is composed of many wise sayings, mostly by Solomon. It concerns itself mostly with the practical affairs of life, including moral problems and domestic counsel. It especially emphasizes righteousness and the fear of God. Solomon in his contributions to the Book of Proverbs bore about the same relation to it as David did to the Psalms. Each was the principal writer. While Psalms is a book of devotion, Proverbs is a book of practical ethics, both being written in the form of ancient Hebrew poetry.

Ecclesiastes, another book of poetry, speaks particularly of the vanity of earthly life. Solomon was the author of this book. Known as the most famous and most powerful king in the world, and noted for his wisdom, riches and literary attainments, he was well able to evaluate the worth of earthly life. Apart from the sure hope of immortality, life has little meaning, he tells us. "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity" is the theme of this book.

The Song of Solomon is a book of poetry that is different. It sets forth a glorification of wedded love. Truly it is a love-song, set in blossoming springtime, abounding in metaphors and oriental imagery. Called the Song of Songs, it is perhaps considered the choice of the 1005 songs written by this glamorous king.

There are many other scattered poetry throughout the Old and New Testaments. The selected Scriptures for this topic are some of these scattered bits. A thoughtful reading of this Bible poetry is always a rewarding experience. Try it soon.

Bible Passages

- M., Aug. 1. Waiting On God. Psalm 40:1-3.
T., Aug. 2. A Refuge And Fortress. Psalm 91:1-4.
W., Aug. 3. Poem on Love. I Cor. 1:1-3.
T., Aug. 4. A Morning Hymn. Psalm 19:1-4.
F., Aug. 5. David's Elegy. II Sam. 1:19-27.
S., Aug. 6. Lament of the Captives. Psalm 137:1-4.
Sun., Aug. 7. Topic—Lessons from Bible Poets. Song of Solomon 8:6, 7; Luke 1:46-55; Psalm 133:1-3.

OUR AIM

1. To discover the poetry in the Bible.
2. To get the message of Bible poetry.
3. To revel in the beauty and meaning of Bible passages.

DISCUSSION

1. Who is your favorite poet? Why?
2. What great spiritual truth have God's poets taught you?
3. What recent poem has helped you? Why?
4. Was Jesus a poet?
5. Are there any greater poems than those found in the Bible?
6. Can any poet be very profound without a knowledge of God's laws? Of the Bible?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Bible Poetry Abounds

There is much poetry in the Bible. When we think of Biblical poetry we usually think of the Psalms. There are a number of poems or songs written into the Biblical accounts. Here are some:

The Book of Job

The Book of Job is highly poetical. We look to learn the lesson from the pen of this poet. The subject of the book is the most profound question of human life, how the justice of righteous suffering in the world can be reconciled with the existence of a benevolent and all-powerful God. The arguments on this question are greatly enhanced in value because they are based upon an actual example of a righteous man in affliction. The hint of the solution of the problem is in the scene in heaven in the prologue.

The three friends present substantially the same opinion that suffering must always be the result of sin. Job is unable to answer their arguments satisfactorily, yet he protests his innocence. Sometimes in his despair he longs to die, and charges God with dealing unjustly with him, and at other times he resorts to bitter sarcasm in answering the friends. Again he expresses his confidence that light will come at last into the darkness and that he will be vindicated. Elihu enters with an entirely different theory of suffering, that God sends it upon those he loves for their chastening and betterment. This view reconciles the friends but also condemns Job for charging God with injustice. His final address displays the majesty and wisdom of God and the littleness of man. It humbles him, and thus becomes a means of his restoration to prosperity.

The Book presents us with a specimen of noble piety; an exposition of the Book of Providence; a great example of patience, and an illustrious type of Christ. Job was a great sufferer, was emptied and humbled, but all for greater glory. So Christ abased himself, that we might be exalted. "The real contents of the book of Job is the mystery of the

Scripture References

- Aug. 1. Waiting On God. Psalm 40:1-3.
- Aug. 2. Learn By Studying. II Tim. 2:15.
- Aug. 3. A Sure Defense. Psalm 11:1, 2.
- Aug. 4. Poetic Love. I Cor. 13.
- Aug. 5. A Morning Hymn. Psalm 19:1-6.
- Aug. 6. "The Lord Is My Light." Psalm 27.
- Aug. 7. Topic—Lessons From Bible Poets. Luke 1:46-55.

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cross," but the trial of faith will be found to praise, and honor, and glory.

The Book of Proverbs

The Book of Proverbs reveals the good use Solomon made of the wisdom God gave him; he not only governed himself and his kingdom with it, but he gave rules of wisdom to others also, and transmitted them to posterity.

We have in Proverbs a new way of writing, in which divine wisdom is taught us by short sentences, which contain their whole design within themselves, and are not connected with one another. Teaching by Proverbs was an ancient way of teaching; a plain and easy way of teaching; a profitable way of teaching. In this teaching he would remind us that the principle thing is wisdom, therefore get wisdom; but with all thy understanding acknowledge God.

The Book of Ecclesiastes

This book was penned from the depth of Solomon's personal experience. Here we find what days speak, and wisdom which the multitude of years teaches. It is a sermon in print. The doctrine of the book is "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity," and closes by the way of exhortation, to remember our Creator, to fear Him, and to keep His commandments.

It is a penitential sermon, in which the preacher sadly laments his own folly and mistake. His fall is a proof of the weakness of man's nature; but his recovery is a proof of the power of God's grace, the riches of God's mercy, and the value of evangelical repentance. Let him therefore that thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall; and let him that is fallen, make haste to get up again by the strength of Jehovah's everlasting arms.

The Book of Solomon's Song

The Song of Solomon is a little hard to understand. It is very unlike the other books of the Bible; there is not the name of God in it, it is never quoted in the New Testament, we do not find in it any expression of natural religion, or pious devotion, or any clear spiritual vision.

It must be confessed, on the other hand, that, to the prayerful, faithful student, the book appears to be a very bright and powerful ray of heavenly light, admirably fitted to excite pious and devout affections in holy souls, to draw out their desires toward God, to increase their delight in Him, and improve their acquaintance and communion with Him.

Jesus The Poet

In the Biblical account there are several poems in the gospels. Read Matthew 6:25-30. The poet who has taken such pains with birds and flowers, of air and field, is surely giving personal attention to the man who hurries anxiously on, oblivious of his Father's presence. May our spirits quietly say, "God is here; He is my Father."

Where is there idealism so rich as Mary's in that beautiful poem, the Magnificat?

Hebrew Poetry Is Unique

There are, of course, definite characteristics of Hebrew poetry. Picture language abounds. The psalmists describe God in terms of their greatest needs: rock, shield, fortress, tower, warrior, sun, fountain of light, shepherd. Thought-rhythm is frequent, whereby ideas are repeated in the same, or in slightly different wording.

Biblical prose and poetry are not easily distinguished. Orientals are a poetic people. Even their prose is poetic. The fact is that the Hebrews themselves drew no hard and fast line. In the midst of prose they burst into poetry. They quoted poetry.

Jesus Knew Poetry

Jesus not only quoted scriptural poetry but he gave us such beautiful short poems as the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer. One feels, rather than defines, the difference between prose and poetry. In cultivating this feeling it helps to remember that the Book of Job, the Psalms, the Song of Solomon, Proverbs, Lamentations, and large portions of the prophets' writings (especially Isaiah) are regarded as undeniably great poetry. When a passage of scripture is felt to the depths and heights, to the length and breadth and throughout the center of one's whole being, it is fairly safe to consider that passage poetry.

Bible Reading Enriches Us

Why have we stressed Bible reading as a religious duty? Why haven't we emphasized its art and beauty? How must God feel over the slowness of our appreciation—He who inspired the song of His Hebrew poets? Beauty is a need of the human heart. To this, as to other needs, the Bible's poetry ministers.

And because it ministers, it lives!

Discuss how Bible poetry has influenced poets of all ages.

Bring examples of poetry of today that reflects influence of the Bible.

THE BIBLE

by Rosemonde E. Richards

The Bible! what is it more than other guides?

It is a mine exceeding deep and large
Wherein are hid the treasures of God's love.

If you can fathom God, you know the Bible

And need not study it. But no one yet
Has fathomed all the treasures of his heart

"Whom heaven cannot contain," and no one yet
Has more than skimmed the surface of his Book.

Courtesy Builders

If this is true, and it is, then each of us needs to study the Bible more. Let its beautiful words enrich your mind and stir your heart.



Lessons From God's Heavens

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This is another of the topics using the thought-provoking theme *Lessons From Great Sources*. The lesson today comes from one of the greatest sources of all, God's Heavens. It requires little imagination to see how important it will be to have this an outdoor meeting, weather permitting. To be out under God's Blue Canopy will be an inspiration in itself. In fact, this could be termed a "Blue Canopy Meeting" and advertised as such. A study of the stars and the entire heavens may be made. It will be much more helpful if someone acquainted with the planetary system can attend the meeting to help interpret what is viewed. Indeed, an authority on the subject of astronomy would be a good one to lead the meeting. The Christian meaning of it all, or the lesson brought out, should be clearly explained by some one also. There are few places where greater inspiration can be found than in the skies. Certainly God can bring many lessons to your society from this source.

If possible secure some explanatory literature to help make the message more clear. The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago has some expertly-prepared films relating astronomy and other science with Christian faith. Try to set a date in the near future to use one of these, or some other, to pursue your study further! It may be possible to arrange a viewing at some Observatory nearby. An auto pilgrimage to such would be a good project to plan now for

A Seed Thought

"This prospect vast, what is it?—
weigh'd aright,

'Tis nature's system of divinity,
And every student of the night
inspires.

'Tis elder scripture, writ by God's
own hand:

Scripture authentic! uncorrupt
by man."

—Young

early fall. Ask your science teacher, pastor, or other about the possibility. Follow up this lesson.

God's Heavens

What a wondrous array of God's glory the heavens provide! Hemans has rightly exclaimed,

"The blue, deep, glorious heavens!—
I lift mine eye,

And bless thee, O my God! that I
have met

And own'd thine image in the majesty

Of their calm temple still! that
never yet

There hath Thy face been shrouded
from my sight

By noontide blaze, or sweeping storm
of night!

I bless thee, O my God!"

Verily, as we look into the "blue, deep, glorious heavens," we may well thank our God that we have seen and acknowledged His majesty. As we sing "This Is My Father's World" we acclaim Him to be the worker of the wonders of Earth and Heaven. It can be said so assuredly "The fool hath said in his heart 'There is no God,'" when we behold the glory of His handiwork. The wise soul sees in it all the master hand of the Master Creator. We take hope and courage from the remembrance that He Who assembles and directs the planets, Who orders the seasons, and brings the crops, is also our own Heavenly Shepherd. It is He Who has said, "I am with you always" and "My grace is sufficient for Thee." His eye is on the sparrow and all His creatures; we fully believe that He watches over us as well. Never is His face shielded from us, whether we behold the blazing sun or a multitude of night's stars. He is near. "All is well, God is nigh."

Experiences To Remember

On a summer night, gathered with a group of young people of kindred mind and thought, the wonderfulness of the tie that binds us all together is made more clear. We are one in Christ Jesus. The Christ of God and the God of Christ are never nearer to us. Ideally set for Galilean Meetings, or Blue Canopy Meetings or Starlight Meditations, such experiences should be shared away from bright lights, raucous noises, and artificial things. As we group ourselves together where the heavens may be viewed, the promise of our Lord will take on new meaning, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20.) This is done in His Name! It is not the opportunity for romance that should take our attention but

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1. To show what contribution the greater sources can make in our daily Christian lives.
2. To find some of the lessons we may learn from God's skies.

THINK, TALK AND PRAY

1. Why do we believe the Heavens are God's?
2. How are they also ours?
3. As far as possible, describe and discuss the constellations and formations.
4. What do the night skies tell of God?
5. How differently do the day skies affect us?
6. Why does God seem closer to us in such quiet moments?
7. What does He say to you?
8. What does He tell you to tell others?
9. What have the Psalmists and other Bible writers said of the heavens?
10. While the group beholds the heavens in reverent silence, listen for the Voice of God. Close with sentence prayers.

the opportunity for deep and abiding worship. In the sacred quiet of such a communion together each Endeavoror, however timid, may be encouraged to tell of his own inspiration and lesson from "God's Heavens." It will be an opportunity for a study of the reality and practicalness of God, for testimony to His love and redeeming power, and supremely for "further dedication." In these precious moments of meditation, God will speak to all who will have "ears to hear;" He will truly be seen by those who have "eyes to see." Some of the most moving experiences of the summer may be thus shared on a quiet hillside or beach, or perchance around a camp fire. Greater spiritual influence than we imagine can be present in such a time as this.

These Things Abide

Out of these experiences, let there come forth ideas and resolutions that are heartfelt. Christian. Give the Saviour full sway in implanting a Christian interpretation of all life and its situations. These experiences will change our lives if we realize that the nearness and realness of God in those quiet moments show the true proportions of life. It is only when we get out again into the noise, the crowd and the confusion that we let "self" get in the way; it is then that we are willing to "sell ourselves short" spiritually. These things are artificial and temporary. The visions and thoughts of the moments under the spell of God's Heavens are the real thing, the Eternal.

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OUR AIMS

1. To appreciate the out-of-doors.
2. To receive personal inspiration from God's heavens.
3. To enjoy a sunset service or twilight vespers.

QUESTIONS

1. What does the psalmist say about the heavens?
2. Why do starry skies bring a sense of awe and devotion?
3. What do the scientists tell us about the extent of the unexplored sections of the heavens? Does that help us to revere God's greatness all the more?
4. What are some lessons of nature for us to learn?
5. Should Christian young people learn to appreciate the out-of-doors more than un-Christian young people? Why?
6. How can city young people get some concept of God working in His world?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb for Your Meeting

One of the most wonderful times to observe the beauty of the skies is on a summer night when the skies are sprinkled with "the happy hosts." Before you have your program announce the purpose of this meeting—to see anew the beauty of the heavens, explaining that often we go around with our heads down forgetting to look up and notice that silent beauty that God has given.

For this meeting plan a hike ending in a blanket circle where you can all lie on your backs on a convenient hillside and take in the beauty of the heavens. See if there is not some person in your community who knows a good bit about astronomy. Ask him or her to come along and as you walk, or lie on your backs, let him or her talk about the vastness and wonder of the universe. If you don't have someone who is an authority in astronomy, perhaps one or more of your group would like to find out something about astronomy to share with the group.

If the group worshipping together is trained in worship, have some periods of silence when you sit and just listen to the sounds of the out-of-doors. However, be careful not to let the group become restless; if they don't know how to worship in silence, proceed at once with your program.

For closing you might want to use a hymn, or you might want to use a prayer of thanksgiving for the beauties of the universe. Here is a prayer that you might use:

"I pray that the life of this summer may never lie fair in my memory. May I dare as I have never done. May I persevere as I have never done. May I purify myself anew as with fire and water, soul and body. May I gird myself to be a hunter of the beautiful that naught escape me, and yet let me be aware to the needs of the world." Amen.

Meditation

Perhaps the heavens are the most variable and yet the most eternal aspect of nature. There are times when the skies are matted with clouds, when they are scattered with sparkling stars, or radiantly blue. And yet with all their variety the skies are eternal, everlasting and as sure as anything we know.

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Perhaps then when we consider the heavens we can think of the love of God as being like the heavens. It too is so great that there are many different ways in which we see His love, and it too is eternal and everlasting, and is just as much a part of God's gift to one of His children as to another. When we behold the heavens, we can relax and get the true feeling that the heavens will give us if we are still long enough. Do we not feel a sense of awe, and yet a sense of deep peace? Do we not feel a desire to praise God? So let us be still and consider the heavens and let the beauty of them soak into our beings.

The Heavens Declare

How easy it is for us to take the stars and the moon and the sun for granted! How seldom do we pause to thank God for that which He gave to us on the fourth day when He said, "Let there be light in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night." Yet even though we may have taken the sun and the moon and the stars for granted, the poet and the plowman, the astronomer and the artisan, the civilized and the savage are all agreed that there is no voice that can speak so strongly and so universally as does that of the heavens above.

But what do they say? The psalmist says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." In the created universe, with all its wonders, its mystery and power, its beauty and law, the Psalmist saw God, who was even more wonderful than all His works. Thus men were moved to worship and to praise Him.

We too must learn to observe God at work in the world about us. Thus we are helped to express our appreciation for the wonders of nature.

Just from looking at the sky the psalmist felt the greatness of the Creator. But the psalmist knew little about the stars except that they were far away. Yet he had no idea how far away they really are. He could not know that most of stars are so far away that their distance from the earth must be measured in light years and that one light year is about six trillion miles. That is the distance light travels in one year!

In the sky you can see a number of constellations, each with an especially bright star. We know now how far these stars are from the earth. Arcturus, the bright star in the constellation Bootes, the Herdsman, in forty light years distance from the earth. The light that left Arcturus during the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 reached the earth in 1933, in time to be used to open the Chicago World's Fair in that year.

Lessons to Learn

1. *Nature is a world of truth.* God is the creator of "heaven and earth." There is much about Him and His creation which we do not know. The reason we do not know is that

there is too much to be known for these small minds of ours. Yet the facts are there and day by day, year by year, we observe new facts and make discoveries for ourselves regarding nature. So likewise, do we make new discoveries about God through the facts of life; through the facts of nature.

2. *Nature is interesting and kind.* The natural world is an active world. It is never sleeping. We can turn either the microscope or the telescope upon our natural world at any time we wish and we will discover a world of activity. It is interesting to see the natural world at work. We soon discover that its activity works according to fixed patterns.

God's handiwork reveals that God is creative. It is fascinating to see His creation at work. Seek to understand Him and you will find Him interesting.

3. *Nature increases our resources of happiness.* God placed us in the midst of this great natural world so that we might utilize it towards glorifying Him and enjoying Him. Nature is one of our earliest teachers and her wisdom is a treasured joy to any who walk with her:

"Hand in hand with her he walks,
Face to face with her he talks,
Part and parcel of her joy."

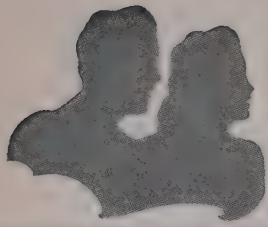
The happy youth is he who has learned some things about the warmth of the earth, the exquisite colors of the moth, the secrets of the little cities which can be found built beneath rocks by little workmen of a different race. Listen to Whittier in his "Barefoot Boy," speaking of the joys of the country boy:

How the robin feeds her young
How the oriole's nest is hung,
Where the whitest lilies blow,
Where the freshest berries grow,
Where the ground-nut trails its vine,
Where the wood-grape's clusters shine;
Of the black wasp's cunning way,
Mason of his walls of clay,
And the architectural plans
Of gray hornet artisans.

All this the Psalmist must have had in mind when he said, "O Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who has set thy glory above the heavens." Nature gives us the resources which help us to be happy as creatures of the Divine Creator of heaven and earth.

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| T., Aug. 11. | Days of Displeasure. | Ecc. 12:2. |
| F., Aug. 12. | A Pillar of Cloud. | Nehemiah 9:19. |
| S., Aug. 13. | The Sun And Moon Stood Still. | Joshua 10:12-14. |
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After three weeks of using this inspirational set of themes *Lessons From Great Sources*, we must be aware more than ever of the diversity of the means by which our God speaks to us. We have considered as such sources the Bible Poets and God's Heavens themselves, while tonight we look to the *Youth Hymns* for our guidance. Next week we will give thought to the very practical camp fire as a source of inspiration. At that time there will be the opportunity for retrospect, for new determination, and for future planning. Let the leader tonight check with the society officers to be sure a good camp fire meeting is carefully arranged for next week. These approach the end of our outdoor meeting season; let's make them good.

For tonight's meeting itself the leader will wish to make special preparation. A suitable setting should be arranged, if possible where a piano or some other suitable instrument can aid in good singing. Next a capable song leader should be secured. Let this be a rousing "singing meeting," as well as a time of study of God's hymns. The leader should familiarize himself with the more popular choruses also. He should learn a little of the source and history of several of those used, bringing them to the society as the numbers are sung. This meeting will provide an opportunity for one or several of the members who are more interested in music. It is always wise to choose leaders to fit the topics. Here use those whose interests would help them bring forth a better meeting. Several "resource leaders" can be used. Strive

to keep in mind throughout the meeting that we are to learn certain "lessons" that God has for us in the use of these hymns, and their study.

Hymns, A Source of Blessing

"These Christians are singing their way to certain victory." This was said of our fathers in the faith during the first and second Centuries. They had a message and they spoke it, prayed it—and sang it. The fine poetry of the Old Testament provided a foundation. They joyously added from their own experiences in the Christian life, a new experience for the majority of them. Through the ages the hymnology of Christians has been a reflection of their faith and life. The great hymns have grown out of deep and soul-stirring experiences. They have literally been wrung from the toil and tears, the sweat and suffering, the blood and battles of the Good Fight. Not easily have the great hymns come to us. Many, however, have come from other soul-searching experiences of joy and ecstasy. They come from high victories and wondrous visions. But all the great ones have come from deep emotional experiences of some sort.

In turn these experiences, recorded in words of our understanding, and made alive by brilliant music, have provided great experiences for others. Because they reflect the deeper emotional stirrings common to all, they speak daily to the needs of the modern soldiers of the Cross. Since they express *our* needs and point the way *we* may overcome, since they speak the language of *our* Christian hearts and minds, *we* embrace them for our own. We sing them and are uplifted, changed, even though imperceptibly. We verbalize new aims and hopes. We are lifted by song and prayer and the working of the indwelling Holy Spirit to become greater. On the wings of holy song we enter the presence of the Holy God.

Youth Hymns Reach Our Hearts

All Christian Endeavor topics, all Youth Hymns, all Christian worship experiences are designed to enthrone Jesus Christ firmly in our hearts. They are to implant a Christian interpretation of life. If successful they will help replace our materialistic attitudes with a spiritual attitude; our selfishness with a Christ-likeness.

Our inner selves are expressed by our singing. Youth especially finds this expression here, more perhaps than adults who have found other expression — or who have submerged their spiritual aspirations beneath the cares of

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To show what contribution the "greater sources" can make in our daily lives.
2. To learn the lessons taught by the better Youth Hymns.

ABOUT OUR SONGS

1. What lessons do we gain from hymns?
2. From youth hymns?
3. Why do you like to sing?
4. Why do you like to sing God's songs?
5. How do hymns express our inner selves?
6. Give your favorite hymn, and tell why it is that.
7. What hymn might our society well take as our theme song?

the world. Youth are fresher, more alert, the voice of God, more optimistic in the doing of the seemingly impossible. Rightly disciplined energy of Youth, under the Lordship of Christ, can change the world. So the bright young years of life find happy expression in the great songs of the faith. Particularly in the treasury of their own,—so often heard in camp and convention, at conference and camp fire,—that we call Youth Hymns, is that true

Youth Hymns reveal the dynamic of the religion of young Christians. Nothing stagnant, selfish, or second-best is here. Note the message and the spirit of these hymns and choruses. In them we learn the hopes, the dreams, the ambitions, and the challenge for our day. In them we glimpse the heart of Christian Youth,—*Christian Youth*, mind you! God help the young people of the world who are not in the Shepherd's fold!

Each section of the country has its favorite hymns and especially its "pet" choruses. Indeed, local areas and even individual churches have their favorites. "They have been a blessing to others; they will continue to bless us," seems to be the judgement.

Weigh Them!

This meeting may well conclude by listing the favorite hymns of youth. Then analyze some of them. In the picture that analysis will portray lies the hope of the world! Note the emphasis of these Marching Songs of Christian Youth. First and foremost, the Lordship of Christ is expressed. The most popular ones, the majority, speak of the Saviour, *The Old Rugged Cross*, *Heaven and Hope*. Then *We Would Be Building*, *We Would Be True*, *Our Best*, *Make Me A Blessing*, *Give Of Your Best*, *To The Master*, and perhaps summing up all these,—*I Would Be Like Jesus*. Youth who believe and sing and live thus can safely be entrusted with the world and the Gospel.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King

Let every heart prepare Him

room,

And heav'n and nature sing—"

Bible Readings

- M., Aug. 15. What God Means To Me. Psalm 27.
T., Aug. 16. A New Song. Psalm 18.
W., Aug. 17. Encouraged To Sing. Isaiah 42:10.
T., Aug. 18. A Manner of Speech. Eph. 5:18, 19.
F., Aug. 19. Teaching Through Songs. Col. 3:16.
S., Aug. 20. A Midnight Song. Acts 16:25.
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OUR AIMS

1. To appreciate in a larger way our hymnbooks.
2. To catch the vibrant expression of new youth hymns.
3. To share the values in favorite hymns.

QUESTIONS

1. Name several hymns that are sung to the same tune.
2. What hymn is known as the Crusaders' Hymn?
3. List several hymns in the hymnal which were written by composers of your denomination.
4. What is the most frequently used morning hymn?
5. Approximately how many hymns do you know?
6. How often do you learn a new hymn?
7. Do you make a practice of memorizing hymns?
8. What thought or thoughts do you like a hymn to express?
9. In planning a worship program do you select hymns which help to unify the service?
10. What are the requirements of a good hymn?

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Bible. They make us to see what happened, yet we do not get lost in the pictures. They are dignified and gentle. Of all the hymns that recall events of the life of Christ, none are sung more joyously than the Easter songs.

Hymns Tells of Mission Challenges

There are hymns of dedication and commitment to the mission fields. *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations, From Greenland's Icy Mountains, Jesus Shall Reign, Christ for the World We Sing* are some of the most familiar. Not all who sing these sincerely go as foreign missionaries, but they do believe in and pray for the cause of missions at home and abroad.

Hymns of the New Day

We Would Be Building. A few years ago a group of young people representing a large number of Protestant churches met to consider how they might help to make the world better. After the conference, one of the leaders kept thinking of the ideas for a better world that the young people had discussed, and finally materialized them into the hymn, *We Would Be Building.*

The author is Dr. Purd E. Dietz, executive secretary of National Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The tune is the familiar movement from Finlandia, by Jean Sibelius, the famous Finnish composer.

Read the words carefully, considering these questions:

1. Why do we need to build our world anew?
2. What can we do to help make our world more Christian?
3. Are we willing to build according to God's plan?
4. How can we be certain of the divine commands?

At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day.

The call of brotherhood is strong in the heart of the world today even though it sometimes seems far removed in some of the Asian and European lands. Nevertheless, in the mind and heart of the young folk in Christian lands there is a strong bond of fraternalism.

This is the message in the lines of the hymn of brotherhood by Ozora Davis. If in the hearts of the youth of the church the dawn is breaking, then the hope of a "glorious" day may be realized.

The day of dawning brotherhood
Breaks on our eager eyes,
And human hatreds flee before
The radiant eastern skies.

I'd Rather Have Jesus.

"I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold," the rich tenor voice hesitatingly fitted a melody to the words. "I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands—" the money and the prestige of the newly offered job suddenly were as ashes in his hands. "I'd rather have Jesus than anything."

Now this singer knew why his mother had asked him to compose the music for the poem. But he knew more. He knew why her life was triumphant and victorious. He never had seen her in doubt, perplexed, beaten. There was no conflict. She had "rather have Jesus," than anything else. When a conflict arose her decision was already made: She chose Jesus.

He sang the words again, this time with a new emphasis and a new melody. The tenor voice swelled in victory and the high notes excluded any doubt, for he, too, had made his decision. He did not want the new job, not even the money and the power, at the price of compromising with Jesus.

George Beverly Shea went forth that night with triumph in his heart and a voice dedicated to the Master. He went with a song on his lips and thousands have heard the song and have said, "That's what I want, I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today."

"I'd rather have Jesus." The words are so simple. The decision is so great. The consequences are so far-reaching.

Youth Compose Hymns

Five new hymns for youth by youth, the result of a hymn writing project under the joint sponsorship of the United Christian Youth Movement and the Hymn Society of America celebrating Christian Endeavor Week - Youth Week has resulted in the first choice of "Oh Master, Who in Days of Youth" by H. Glen Lanier, Thomasville, North Carolina. The text, written to the tune "Melcombe," reads:

Oh master, who in days of youth
Didst walk the path of light and truth,
Keep thou our feet upon the way
That leads to everlasting day.

Help us in days of youth to see
Visions of what our lives may be;
One fellowship in Christ our aim;
Our joy to magnify thy Name.

O thou, who from thy youth didst prove
The highest law of life is love,
Fill thou our hearts with love divine,
And through our lives forever shine.

God, Who Touchest Earth with Beauty is a hymn youth love. Look it up for use in this service.

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| F., Aug. 19. | Teaching Through Songs. | Col. 3:16. |
| S., Aug. 20. | A Midnight Song. | Acts 16:25. |
| Sun., Aug. 21. | Topic—Lessons From Youth Hymns. | Isaiah 30:29; Psalm 40:1-3. |

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Prize the Hymnbook

One of the most precious aids of religious worship is the hymnbook. It contains the stories of human experience told in the poetry of the soul. No one ought ever to mistreat a hymnbook. Every Christian youth should memorize many of the hymns. They were born out of deep and unforgettable experiences on the part of the saints of God. Every home should have its own hymnbook, one or more. No force in this world is doing more to weld the hearts of Christendom than the hymns they sing.

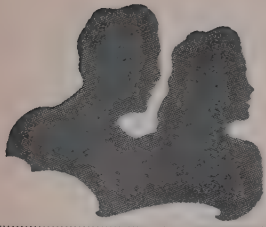
The First Songs Tell of God

Some of the very old songs or hymns express man's thoughts of God and praise for the beauty of the creation. Turn to Psalm 33 and read the first verses. Do you get the picture; the sturdy, browned young fellow watching sheep on the hillside, occasionally strumming a crude lyre, his clear voice intoning the splendid words in the Hebrew language.

Now turn over to the first verse of the 25th chapter of Isaiah, or read the 22nd and 23rd verses of Psalm 71. In Revelation, we find also passages which stand out like hymns, and which are possibly the basis of more hymns than any other one section of the Bible. Do not their very words sound musical? And do they not echo something you too have felt?

Hymns Tell of Christ's Life

Some of our most beloved hymns are those which single out an event in the life of Christ. From the inspiration of the Christmas story we get our Christmas carols. There are a few that emphasize the youth of Jesus such as "O Master Workman of the Race" and "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and Thy Kingly Crown." There are hymns that sing of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. We can find in our hymnals a whole section devoted to these events. *Beneath the Cross of Jesus, 'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow, There is a Green Hill Far Away.* All of these picture the events as they are described in the



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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

1. Pray for God's blessing and help.
2. Study the Bible selections given.
3. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
4. Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

In this series of topics on *Lessons From Great Sources*, we have striven to study through the lessons learned from Bible poets, from God's heavens, and from youth hymns. This week as we begin to bring to a close "summer meetings" which are often held outdoors on lawns, near bodies of water, in connection with outdoor suppers, and various other ways, it is timely that we look at *Lessons From The Camp Fire*. No doubt, through the summer, societies have had at least one, and perhaps several camp fire meetings. It will be most appropriate to close with one, and discuss its meaning and importance.

This would be an ideal time to hear reports of experiences at summer camps and conferences. As a result, plans for the fall season could be made around the camp fire.

Camp Reports

All active Christian Endeavor societies have at least some of their young people attend Christian camps or conferences sponsored by the county, state, region, or the International or World Christian Endeavor Unions. Some societies even have their own form of a conference. Everyone is not always able to attend the same sessions or hear the same speakers, so it is a good thing to set a time when these reports can be given and shared with all.

"Echo" Meetings are interesting. If several members have attended one conference, go through a day's or week's schedule, reporting on the various classes and events. Include everything from the rising bell to taps, even meal time, recreation, and "lights out." All this aid in developing the interest of those who were not able to experience such an event. Different members can be assigned to various portions of the day's schedule. Make the reports informative, lively, inspirational, and accurate. Recordings, pictures, and sample materials used add to the interest. Emphasize the serious, helpful aspects, not only the fun.

A SEED THOUGHT

"As a beacon light is a guide to the storm-tossed, a camp fire a guide to the lost wayfarer, so let your light shine."

Plan For The Future

As Labor Day draws near everyone begins to think of getting back to routine schedules. Vacations end, school begins, outdoor work lets up, and Christian Endeavorers begin a more consistent meeting schedule. Thoughts turn to work and activity in nearly every walk of life, and certainly this is true of Christian Endeavor.

Perhaps one of the best ways of encouraging more activity and better planned activity would be to have the President or capable person give a review of the past year's activities and accomplishments. Either its completeness will make it imperative to do even more, so that improvement can continue; or else its meager accomplishments will inspire greater works. It's sure to create ideas and inspiration.

Around the Camp Fire

As a group of young people sit around a camp fire, there are many memories being brought to mind of past experiences. Some have witnessed conversions about such a fire, in the stillness of the dark hours, inspired by the message of a disciple of Christ. Others remember references made to their lives from the burning logs and flying sparks. As one picks a portion of the fire to watch constantly, imagining it to be his life, he experiences "ups and downs." He sees his light begin to develop, then burn brighter, even start other pieces to glowing; then the wrong kind of a wind hits for just a second, and his light nearly goes out. It seems much harder for it to catch fire the second time, and when it does it needs constant nourishment. What a jolt it is to see the light go out entirely and not come back again! How much like life this fire is. It seems oh so short, and every minute counts. While the life is shining for Christ, it attracts others, and it inspires their lights to burn. A little temptation, or failure to keep the eyes on the Light of the World, and the light goes dim. Somehow it's a little more difficult to get the light to burn brightly again. Lives need the constant nourishment of worship, prayer, hearing and reading of God's Word, and active service to keep the light bright. When life leaves entirely, it's too late. The light must shine while it has opportunity, and its length of days is unknown.

A camp fire also illustrates how one little spark in the midst of many dead dark logs can eventually transmit fire to all. This gives encouragement to the one who feels it is useless to strive to be Christian and help others when he's alone in the task. "God and one are a majority." Faithfulness to a task brings victory.

All Night Camp Fire

The young people, of which the writer is pastor, have had several glorious experiences around all night camp fires. They need to be

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To give an opportunity for "camp" or conference reports.
2. To give an inspirational setting for fall plans.
3. To give opportunity for memorable camp fire experiences and present inspiration.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. Have we made the most of summertime in our Christian Endeavor Society? Why or why not?
2. How could we have better spent it?
3. Did we encourage summer conferences enough? What can we do about it now?
4. Was our society striving to serve "Christ and the Church" in the past year? How?
5. Where could we improve?
6. What will we do this year to be a "service" organization?
7. What will we do this year to be a "missionary" organization?
8. To be a Christ-centered organization?
9. What visions do you see in the camp fire?
10. What "lessons" can we learn from the fire?

well-planned, well-organized, well-conducted, well-disciplined, and well-supervised. A desirable location is necessary; one that is away from all residential areas, (midnight noises cause suspicion as to motive. Even singing can be disturbing) not too conspicuous to travelers and suitable to a very large camp fire. A number of adult helpers are required and parents are invited. The program begins in the evening around 7:30. Hiking at least part of the way to the site adds to the enjoyment. The total program is broken into half hour portions including: games, refreshments, Bible quizzes, Bible study, testimonies, camp fire songs, religious choruses, inspirational talks, etc. This particular group has a mid-night weiner roast and a 9 o'clock bacon breakfast around the fire. Different adult Church leaders are responsible for the various portions of the program, according to their own abilities and interests. When picking a spot, it is well to bear in mind a place of beauty for the morning watch or sunrise worship service which is a climax to the whole event. Hillsides, lake fronts, creek sides are all beautiful particularly at such an hour.

Perhaps it is necessary to mention that there is no sleeping here. It is wise to circulate a list of rules among the young people and parents, pointing out the "dos" and "don'ts."

Perhaps a very worthwhile way of spending the night would be to proportion times to either "echoing" summer conferences or planning the fall schedule. Such an event, if adopted, must be one of fun, fellowship, Bible teaching, and inspiration. Each is necessary to make it "a night to be remembered."

From God's Word

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| M., Aug. 22. | Fire of The Lord. | II Chron. 7:1-3. |
| T., Aug. 23. | The Burning Bush. | Exodus 3:1-4. |
| W., Aug. 24. | Eljah Answers by Fire. | I Kings 18:17-39. |
| T., Aug. 25. | Wickedness Compared to Fire. | Isaiah 9:18, 19. |
| F., Aug. 26. | Transforming Your Life. | Romans 12:1, 2. |
| S., Aug. 27. | Seek The Lord. | Isaiah 55:6, 7. |
| Sun., Aug. 28. | Topic—Lessons from the Camp Fire. | Isaiah 55:12, 13; Acts 28:1-6. |

OUR AIMS

1. To enjoy an outdoor meeting around the fire.
2. To hear echoes of camp experiences from campers.
3. To experience Christian growth through inspiration.

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Campfires Have Charm

Campfires are "habit-forming" in the best sense. They never seem to lose their fascination and charm. Peppy camp songs, rounds and motion songs are good beginnings. *Campfire's Burning, Someone's in the Kitchen with Dinah, Chairs to Mend, White Choral Halls and others.* Let there be definite procession toward a deeper atmosphere of fellowship in the selection of songs, closing with such songs as *We're on the Upward Trail, Ever on to the Heights, My God and I*. Each campfire should have its silences. The hurried spirit we find in campfires is a useful change from our mad, modern living. No matter what the speaker says but what the individuals in the group think is most important. A campfire talks, however, should always offer a challenge to higher living. The quiet sparkle of the fire with its darting tongues of flame, the serenity of the shadowy trees and the silence of the star-studded canopy above, all bring release from tensions. And how helpful prayer, both spoken and inaudible, can be when washed in the breath of the outdoors. After closing with Taps, all may in silence leave the campfire with the feeling, *It is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*

Use Your Recreation Committee

Ask the recreation committee to prepare a plan to the place of the fire. Bits of paper may be scattered along the way, or directions may be placed in out-of-way places so that the group must hunt for the next direction before going on. The site selected should provide space for playing games.

Upon reaching the spot, the recreation committee should lead the group in fellowship. The group should have been forewarned to wear clothes suitable for the occasion.

Lighting the Fire

Lay the fire well so it will blaze high in the beginning. Then as it burns low, the members will bring a serious and meditative mood.

When the group is seated, the one designated to light the fire goes to the pile of wood, kneels on his left knee, and recites:

"Kneel always when you light a fire,
Kneel reverently and thankfully be
For God's unfailing charity;
And on the ascending flame inspire
The incense of your thankfulness
For this sweet grace
Of warmth and light!
For here again is sacrifice
For your delight."

From THE SACRAMENT,
by John Oxenham.

Great Thoughts in the Meeting

Read the Scripture lesson by the light of the campfire. Follow this with a period of silent prayer. Then let several of the group tell what they see in the fire. Some young people should be prepared in advance, but for

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the most part the meeting will be of more profit if spontaneous testimonies are given. Some great thoughts which the fire inspires might be:

1. *Benefits of fire.* Fire gives light, heat, and comfort. It heats the water to create steam to cook our food, warm our homes, drive our trains, and create power. It was the means of signals for ancient man. God speaks through the fire. How is each of these benefits directly from God, and how is fire a symbol of spiritual life?

2. *Fire is a Combination.* There can be no fire without the unity of several forms of matter, one of which is oxygen. Placing a candle under a bushel will put out the light when all the oxygen has been consumed. Jesus referred to our spiritual light in Matthew 5:15. What did he mean?

3. *A Christian Campfire.* Have one of the members tell the story and explain the meaning of the campfire on the shore of Galilee where Jesus and His disciples ate together. This is found in John 21:1-14.

God Speaks to You

In the dancing flames and the smouldering embers God's eternal hand paints picturesque visions and gives challenges to the creative heart and mind of boy and girl, man and woman. I have many friends who know how much I love the fireside, and they delight in planning an evening where I can sit with them in the glow of the fireside and talk about lovely things. One evening is particularly vivid to me. The son and daughter of a certain family and I sat on the floor before a warm fire. Together we imagined the smouldering embers to be different city structures. We had an elaborate city of buildings erected in our imagination before the evening was ended. But I have also been with young people around a campfire where the challenge of vision was upon us as we sang the beautiful prayer:

God of the mountain, God of the hill
Show us thy spirit, teach us thy will.
God of the starlight, God of the dawn,
Show us a vision, lure us on.
Giver of blessings to thee we pray,
May we be thankful ever away.
God of the starlight, God of the dawn
Show us a vision, lure us on.
Lure us on, lure us on, lure us on.

With a high hill and a lovely deep ravine below; a meandering stream and stately trees; the music of homing birds and the peace of a quiet evening, the distant flickering lights of the city, the brighter lights of heaven, a waxing moon, a friendly fire and a still more friendly circle of CE-ers and why could not God break through? In such moments youth's heart responds and God is speaking.

Purity and Beauty Dominate

In the atmosphere of a campfire where Christian youth bring heart and soul together all irreverence and impurity are expelled, and only purity and beauty reign. This is the kind of atmosphere to sing the hymn:

"God who touchest earth with beauty," written by a 16-year-old girl.

No one can know how utterly unselfish and how the desire for purity and beauty dominate the situation around the council fires of our Christian American Youth except those who have had the experience; out of whose inspiration comes an expression like this:

Lay me to sleep in the sheltering flame,

Oh, Master of hidden Fire;

Wash pure and cleanse for me

My soul's desire.

In flame of sunrise bathe my soul,

Oh, Master of the Hidden Fire.

That when I wake, cleareyed may be

My Soul's desire.

Friendship and Dedication

Become Deeply Rooted

A lovely scene was ours just a few weeks ago when Intermediate boys and girls of a certain church conference gathered on a hill just outside of Perkasio, Pa., for their traditional Saturday night final campfire. After a beautiful ritual, prepared by the camp staff, the campers formed a huge circle. They then exchanged a pine cone, which they had previously received, with a new friend whom they had learned to know at camp. Then quietly each camper walked to the fire and solemnly deposited his or her pine cone, representing the friend they had made, upon the fire. This was symbolic of the unity of the friendship of the camp. The theme of the camp for the week was, "Friendship, the task of the Church" and their theme hymn was "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Thus, campfires have become traditional and sacred among many of our American Christian youth. We do not wonder why the campfire area of the council ring is kept inviolate and sacred so that no promiscuous walking across that area is permitted. We can understand why they love the poem:

Kneel always to light a fire.

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Daily Scripture Readings

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| M., Aug. 22. | Fire of The Lord. | II Chron. 7:1-3. |
| T., Aug. 23. | Joshua Makes Peace. | Joshua 9:15. |
| W., Aug. 24. | Isaiah Volunteers For God. | Isaiah 6:8. |
| T., Aug. 25. | They Followed Jesus. | Matt. 4:18-22. |
| F., Aug. 26. | The Camp By The Seashore. | John 21:9-14. |
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SINGING ON THE BOARDWALK



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- July 3. **God's Buried Treasures.**
Psalm 95:1-6.
- July 10. **Under a Microscope.**
Psalm 77:11-20.
- July 17. **The Summer Sky.**
Psalm 19:1-6.
- July 24. **"How Manifold Are Thy Works!"**
Psalm 104:1-24.
- July 31. **Let's Give a Play.**
Nehemiah 1:2-11; 2:1-8; 6:1-15.

Topics for AUGUST

- Aug. 7. **Let's Have a Party.**
Luke 15:22-25.
- Aug. 14. **Let's Learn to be Stewards.**
Matthew 25:14-29.
- Aug. 21. **Let's Advertise.**
Isaiah 52:7-10.
- Aug. 28. **Let's Plan for Worship.**
John 4:5-26.

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cans to visit other North American countries and carry on original investigations or do research work in their own land. An increasing number of colleges in the United States provide scholarships for students from Latin America.

A Challenge To Christian Action

Educated people in Latin America are ready as never before for an unfolding of the inmost nature of the Christian faith. Let Christian thought stand out in its own light and in its own right. There is a growing popular interest in the subject of God. Newly organized Christian communities must be educated and equipped for service. It is necessary that the production of literature be stimulated in certain selected centers throughout the southern continent. Immense areas are still unoccupied by either Roman Catholic or Protestant missions. The several missions that are working there must present a united ecclesiastical frontier. Business associations between all America and Latin America need to be Christianized.

Jesus Christ has many patrons there; many who say to Him "Lord, Lord," but His followers are all too few. "Many say 'yes' to 'I see the need'; but 'no' to 'it is my task,'" says a prominent modern writer.

AUTHOR FOR MAGAZINE

Ernest S. Marks of Detroit, Michigan, a trustee of International Society of Christian Endeavor, is the author of the meditation being used on Thursday, June 16, by an estimated ten million people around the world who are readers of *The Upper Room* magazine. Mr. Marks based his meditation on John 17:3, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Mr. Marks was formerly extension secretary of International Society.



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Conclusion

form a friendship circle and sing your favorite benediction song, which in many ways is *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*. Let the leader first of all remind how universal the blessing of fire, how important it is to progress. Then imagine what it would mean in terms of Christian progress to have camps of young people of all races in all countries uniting for service to Christ. This is the eternal dream and the holding of your campfire is at least a start in that direction. Close with a *prayer benediction*, the following being suggested (it is an adaptation of James 3:5): "Dear Heavenly Father, that we may always remember with awe, Behold how great a matter a little fire can do. May we guard well the privilege of lighting Christian fires of fellowship, that in the midst of a dark and confused generation there may shine the flame of hope and eternal life."

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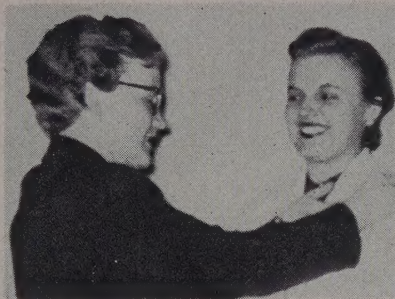
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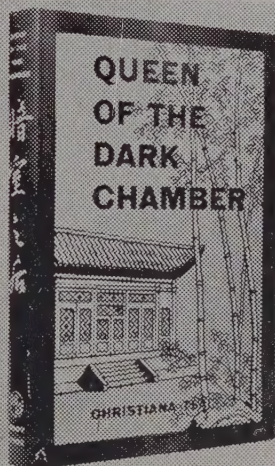
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